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We apologize to callers who were unable to connect with our answering machine last weekend. We fixed the problem. Please call again. Fortunately, many of you rerouted your comments to our website, which is always available.

### City fathers shouldn't make honest people feel like their criminals

How come Wayne taxpayers are treated like their criminals? Ninety days in the pokey for an overdue library book sure sounds silly to me.

Don't our city fathers have better stuff to take care of than make honest people feel like their criminals? What's next - jail time for jaywalkers?

### Stop complaining about a low turnout in a boring election

All the complaining about the low election turnout is getting boring.

The election got the turnout it deserved. If councilperson Justine Barns or Mayor Robert Thomas had run, people would have turned out.

Instead of complaining about low turnouts for unpopular candidates, run popular candidates and you will have a good turnout.

### Good government lost again in Westland election to slick politics

I beg to disagree with the person who said, "Good government won again."

Slick politics, not good government, won in the Westland election.

The winning side, Mayor Thomas's supporters, slipped into office with a minority of the vote.

Councilman Glenn Anderson, a Thomas opponent, was the only candidate to win a majority.

Anderson's slate for change, which included two running mates, Godbout and Kehrer, polled 10,148 votes.

Cox, James and Griffin, supporters of Thomas and the status quo, received only 9,723 votes, 425 less than Anderson's slate.

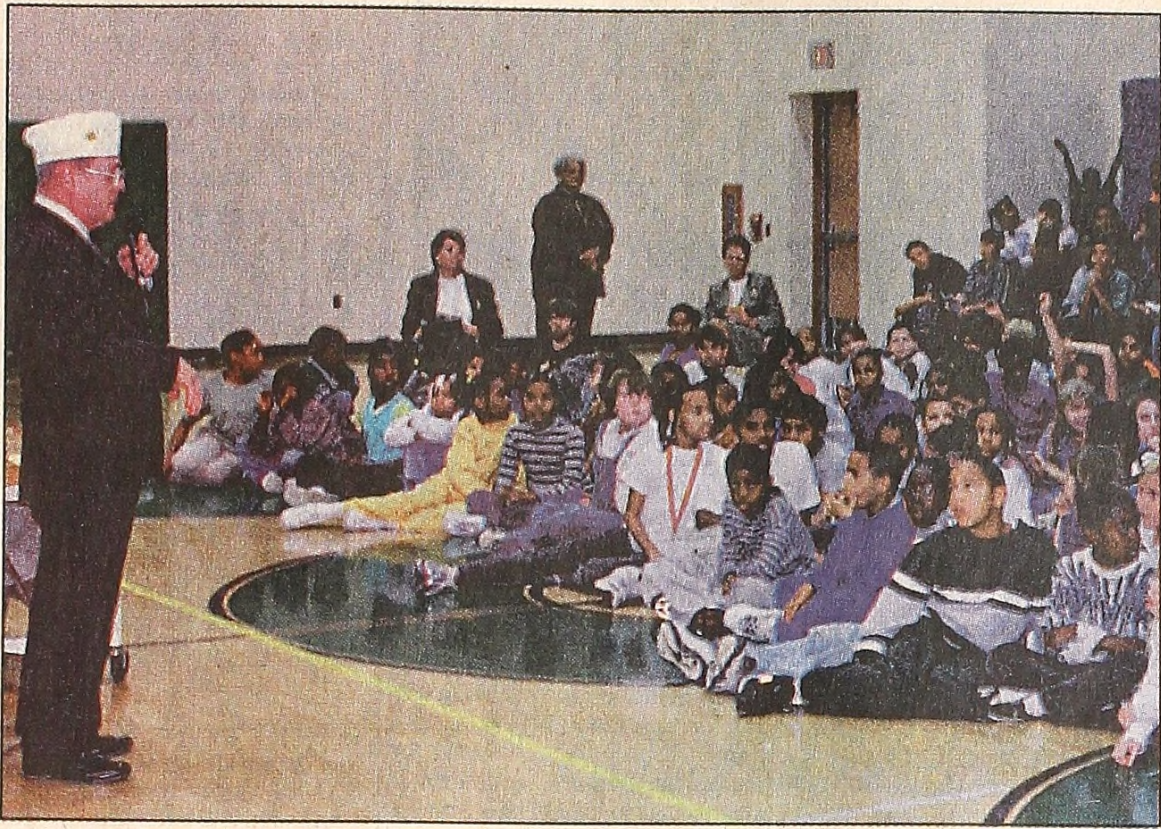
Cox and James only beat Dorothy Smith by about 90 votes and beat Godbout and Kehrer by about 150 because they ran three

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## Veterans remembered

American Legion State Commander Norbert (Norm) J. Schollett -- who was recently elected commander at the Legion's 81st State Convention in Detroit last July 18 -- spoke to fourth, fifth and sixth graders at Cory Elementary School last Thursday on the true meaning of Veterans' Day. He also presented an American flag to Principal Phyllis Adkins. Schollett also had various flag related gifts for each student.

MCN Special Photo

## Romulus school advances outlined in U.S. journal

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Recent advances in the Romulus School District's parent-teacher inter- actions are being outlined in an upcoming edition of *National School Board Journal*, it was announced last week.

**No student was expelled during the 1998-99 school year.**  
- Curriculum Director Thomas Dolan

Copies of the report written by Anne Wright also will be released at the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., district Curriculum Director Thomas Dolan revealed.

Much of the six page report deals with the School Compact that outlines the roles of school administrators, parents, teachers and students during the school year.

In the report, Romulus School Board Vice President Michael Woods claims that volunteerism has increased 50 percent in recent years.

Woods has urged parents to spend more time in the schools by saying "taking advantage of the recommendation to volun-

teer will allow parents to see firsthand the education their children are receiving from our schools."

He added such attendance by parents "sends a strong message to students, teachers and administrators that you are concerned with the quality of education given to your children."

The report also states that the district has made (summer school) tutoring mandatory in language arts and mathematics for students who did not achieve 70 percent mastery of educational objectives.

Dolan is quoted proudly in the report as saying "no student was expelled during the 1998-99 school year." The re-

port also outlines a new police mentoring program for 54-at-risk students in grades four-to-six.

That program has been outlined during the past year in the *Romulus Roman*.

Current Board President Betty Lenossi outlines the five key elements the trustees feel are needed in sustaining public engagement:

- developing a timeline for implementing initiatives.
- specifying the responsibilities of key staff members.
- developing a parent compact with its specific responsibilities.
- scheduling meetings and assessments, and
- celebrating success.



One of the major pluses since Romulus Schools initiated the School Pact program, has been the increase in the parental involvement in the schools. Above Regina Plank, right meets with Wick Elementary School first grade teacher Kim Panek at a parent conference. Plank has seven children in the school district. MCN Special Photo

## Public's chance to speak out on deepwell is Nov. 29

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

It is ironic that the city's environmental legal team has not informed the public what its verdict is in regard to the possible appeal of a state court's decision to allow Environmental Disposal Systems to renew its efforts to open a deepwell on Wahrman Road.

On Oct. 25 Romulus Mayor William Oakley following a meeting with the city's lawyers handling the EDS matter, revealed that the attorneys would send a press release out within a week confirming the city's plan of action.

To date, that press release has not arrived in the offices of the *Romulus Roman*.

See **Jim Rarey's column** on page A-6.

In the meantime, a state Hazardous Waste Site Review Board hearing is still slated for 7 p.m. Nov. 29 at Romulus High School.

That is the meeting set aside by the SRB for public comments on the requested deepwell project on the Citrin Drive site.

Last month, the SRB heard reports from Austin Marshall, vice president of EDS, on plans to create a deepwell

storage site, etc.

Future SRB hearing dates are: Dec. 16, informal hearing; Dec. 23, deadline to petition the SRB to be a party to any negotiations; January and February 2000 (no date listed) for informal hearings; March 10, 2000 deadline to complete negotiations; March 2000 (no date listed) informal hearing; April 11, 2000 deadline for SRB to make recommendations to the Department of Environmental Quality; May 2000 (no date listed) DEQ conducts a final public hearing and June 2000 DEQ issues or denies the construction permit for the Citrin Drive project.

## Injured bicyclist off ventilator... drive continues

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

The injured Romulus High School student, who was critically hurt while pedaling to a friend's house on the way to school, reportedly has been taken off a ventilator at the University of Michigan Hospital, police sources revealed Tuesday.

The victim, Paul Krause, has reportedly suffered closed head injuries from the Oct. 21 crash and is being treated for those and a broken leg at the U of M hospital.

Traffic Officer Cliff West denied reports that Krause had died and was revived. West said that the youth never died.

School officials and community police officers are working continuously in their drive to help the student and his family.

The family was living at a Romulus hotel at the time of Krause's injury and was partially moved to Key Manor (across from Romulus High School) last Saturday.

That moving effort was to be completed yesterday, police sources said Monday.

In addition, pledges of additional furniture for the family were offered after the initial story about Krause appeared in the *Romulus Roman*.

Community Police Officer Warren Jones is handling the donation offers for the family. He can be reached most afternoons by calling 734-942- 6871.

Krause has two brothers, who are students at Wick Elementary School.

His mother, Kristine Moffat, is the head of the school's parents' group, known as Wick Parent Supporters. She also is the pack leader of a local Cub Scout unit.

High School teachers and students also are reportedly raising funds to aid Krause upon his release from the hospital.

That fund drive is under the direction of James Orme, a teacher at the high school. The school's phone number is 941-2170.

## Romulus to get \$125,000 to clean up lumber yard

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

The city of Romulus is being allocated \$125,000 to clean up an unsightly abandoned lumber yard on Goddard Road, State Sen. Loren Bennett announced recently.

The funds come from a Clean Michigan Initiative program, Bennett said, and will be used to demolish existing structures and remove any hazardous waste from the site.

Bennett said a study will then be conducted to determine if any further action is

needed to promote redevelopment.

"The lumber yard no longer provides any local revenue or jobs and has become a burden on taxpayers," Bennett said.

"Getting the site cleaned up and redeveloped should provide a significant local economic boost. Many voters approved the 'Clean Michigan Initiative for this very reason,'" the Canton Republican senator said.

For more information call the DEQ's Environmental Response Division at 517-373-4800.

### Surf's Up

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## Groups, individuals will be honored for battling liquor abuse

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Anti-alcohol abuse groups and individuals, such as a Romulus liquor store owner who has helped confiscate more than 200 false ID cards, will be honored tomorrow at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Romulus.

Romulus Mayor William Oakley, who has proclaimed Friday "We All Make a Difference Day," will be on hand to assist in the award ceremony sponsored by the Central Distributors of Beer Inc.

CDB representative Bill Ventola said Oakley's Substance Abuse Task Force and various local Mothers Against Drunk Drivers leaders also will be honored at the 2:30 p.m. session.

Ventola said Anheuser-Busch also will unveil its new alcohol awareness advertisement at the ceremony.

Actions such as those being honored tomorrow have helped lower drunk driving and underage drinking statistics, Ventola said.

"New government numbers show that drunk driving fatalities among adults and teenagers are at all time lows," he added.

Since 1982, Ventola said, adult drunk driving fatalities nationally have declined 41 percent.

During that same period, Ventola said, teenage drunk driving fatalities are down a whopping 65 percent.

Thus Anneuser-Busch has launched its "We All Make a Difference" campaign. It highlights the good practices of drinkers, who exercise personal responsibility, designate a special driver or call a cab after drinking socially for a period of time.



## Two Belleville residents win on Road to Riches

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Two Belleville residents, Tina Covington and Michael Jewell, won cash prizes last Saturday on the *Road to Riches* televised show produced by the Michigan State Lottery.

Jewell, 50, an engineer, won \$900, plus \$250 via a confetti cash bonus.

He said he may use his winnings to support a dream vacation to California or Arizona.

Jewell, who works for C.W. Tool and Mold in Ypsilanti, revealed his hobbies include writing, music, sports, wood-working and remodeling his home.

Meanwhile Covington, 39-year-old travel agent, won \$800 and plans to use the money to fund a family cruise vacation.

For good luck during the show, she wore a saxophone pin, representing the instrument all four of her children play.

When not being involved in her children's school activities, Covington enjoys traveling, gardening and enjoying time with her family and fiancé John Andre.

The top winner of the night was Barbara Hill of Redford, who won \$5,000.

Craig Ellison, a probation officer for the Wayne County Juvenile Court in Westland, has been named as a director of the Detroit Tennis and Squash Club.

Marine Pvt. Donald P. Bohanner, son of Glenn M. and Latoya B. Cotton of Canton, recently completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C.

He successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed

to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Navy Airman Leatrice T. Fowler, whose husband, Damon, is the son of Ronald Fowler of Inkster, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, she completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival skills.

She is a 1993 graduate of Saginaw High School.

Trevor Millard Wilson, son of Molly Wilson of Wayne, was born Sept. 5, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.

He weighed seven pounds and nine ounces at birth and measured 21 inches.

His grandmother is Nancy Hill of Wayne.

Zackary Joseph Cuvelier, son of Chad and Melody Cuvelier of Westland, was born Sept. 21, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.

He weighed six pounds and three ounces at birth and measured 19 inches.

He joins two siblings, Kayla, 3, and Austin, 2, at home.

His grandparents include Richard and Julie Baumeister of Garden City, Bob Cuvelier of Clare and Bev Mandreger of Jackson.

Jourden James Mahoney, son of Samantha Markey and Freddie Mahoney of Westland, was born Sept. 23, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.

He weighed eight pounds and one ounce at birth and



## Second honeymoon

Bonnie and Ray Poremba of Canton were honored recently along with 30 other couples with a second honeymoon vacation. The Porembas spent three days in Las Vegas courtesy of MLT Vacations and the Paris-Las Vegas Casino Resort. Prior to that they had a chance to renew their wedding vows at the Oakland Mall in Troy. They won the second honeymoon contest based on the story of their first honeymoon. MCN Special Photo

measured 21 inches.

He joins two siblings, Tyler Markey and Breannah Mahoney, at home.

His grandparents include Robert and Bonnie Markey and Roy and Carolyn Williams, all of Westland.

William James Fielhauer Jr., son of William and Jamie Fielhauer of Westland, was born Oct. 1, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.

He weighed seven pounds and six ounces at birth and measured 20 and 1/2 inches.

His grandparents include Jim and Pat Fielhauer and Jeff

and Lydia Goins.

His great-grandparents include William and Shirley Ringo.

Jessica Clare Curtis, daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Curtis of Westland, was born Oct. 5, 1999 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.

She weighed seven pounds and eight ounces at birth and measured 21 inches.

She joins a sister, Sarah Grace Curtis, 2, at home.

Her grandparents include Virginia Payment of St. Clair Shores and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Curtis of Brimley.

## Romulus students win 29 MEAP scholarships

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Twenty nine Romulus High School students have been awarded the Michigan Merit Scholarships.

In order for these students to receive the scholarships they had to score in Level 1 or 2 on the High School Michigan Educational Assessment Program test administered to 11th graders in the spring of 1999.

These students are: Michelle Baccus, Sarah Bent, Can-

dace Bingham, Amber Bowman, Lakisha Broadnax, Aaron Brohl, Erin Conway, Autumn Debus, Eric Franquist, Stephen Harper, Jennifer Hoffman, Rayshawn Holbrook, Rachel Kolar, Bobbie Lindsay, Angela Longo, Dinah Malosh, Michael McNeil, Felicia Middlebrooks, Steven Mientkiewicz, Jennifer Nieman, Jessica Nieman, Tia Piggee, Crystal Renton, Nashid Sharrif, Jeremy Taylor, Brooke Thompson, Joshua Turner, Jennifer Vit and Christina Wands.

## Santa Claus coming to Westland Mall...

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

A smiling be-whiskered Santa Claus will arrive at 11 a.m. Nov. 20 at the Westland Shopping Mall aboard a horse and carriage outside Entrance 6, just east of J.C. Penny.

Arriving just seconds before Santa will be the John Glenn High School award winning marching band.

Joining Santa will be Westley Holiday Bear, who will both speak to the children in attendance, and pass out candy canes.

Photos with Santa will begin shortly after his arrival and will continue Monday through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m.

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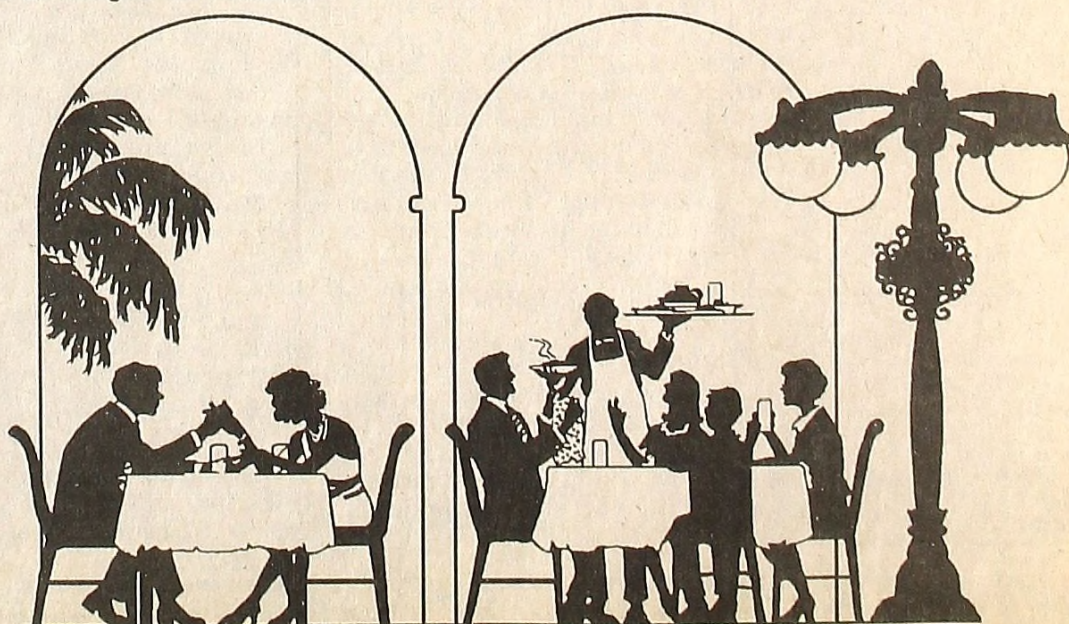
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# Sweet end to library vandalism saga

By IVAN HELFMAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Several months ago, vandals slashed couches and chairs at the Public Library of Westland with the resulting damage costing approximately \$3,000. This concerned one young patron who came up with a solution – having a bake sale.

“My daughter, Autumn, was so upset by the thought that someone could do something like this to the library,” said Elwonna Bowling, volunteer chairperson for the bake sale. “She wanted to know what she could do to help so we decided to have a bake sale.” “We’re hoping that this will raise awareness and that other people will come out to support the sale with their donations and their assistance at the sale,” concluded

Bowling.

I wanted to help the library because they help so many people,” explained nine-year old Autumn. I think it was bad that someone cut the furniture like that.”

“We were very please to have Autumn and her mother come forward to help in this way,” said Joe Burchill, Assistant to the Director. “This bake sale shows real grass roots support of our library and its mission.”

The Volunteer Bake Sale will be held Dec. 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Community Meeting Room AB at the Public Library of Westland. Volunteers are needed to help provide home baked goods and to assist at the sale, Those interested in helping can call and leave a message for Elwonna. Bowling at (734) 595-6581

# Sound Off

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against five, splitting up the majority vote for change. The five protest candidates won the election 15,470 to 9,723, a 5,747-vote majority.

Just as Cox, James and Griffin deserve credit for their political skills, the majority of Westland voters deserve credit for casting their ballot for good government. Unfortunately, good government lost again.

# Paying taxes on vacancies doesn’t rid Westland of its blight

My son and I attended the candidate forum at the Wayne-Ford Civic League hall. What a disgrace it was when David James stated, “The vacant businesses in Westland aren’t just sitting there, somebody is paying taxes on the buildings.”

Now my family can be assured that Westland’s blight is good for the city.

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## A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99-66

### ONE YEAR 2000 SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk’s Office no later than 2:00 p.m., November 30, 1999. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

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## A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99-67

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## A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99-64

### ONE 3/4 TON CARGO VAN

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## A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99-65

### ONE 1/2 TON PICK UP WITH REGULAR CAB AND 6’ BED

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 1, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth  
Absent: None  
Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
William Oakley, Mayor  
Linda Choate, Clerk  
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the agenda as amended.\*\*\*\*\*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 25, 1999.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to deny the request from Ashley Capital to waive the tax abatement penalties for International Paper Company when they failed to honor the Tax Abatement Agreement with the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - Morris.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. No action taken.

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to schedule an additional Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed special assessment lighting district for Sidney Street. The Public Hearing will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, December 6, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adopt a resolution reaffirming the city’s interest in participating and to remain in Wayne County’s Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program for an indefinite period of time, or until such time that it is in the best interest of the City of Romulus to terminate the Cooperation Agreement.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt an updated Fee Schedule for Franchises/Permits and Licenses for Right of Way Use and revoke the present fee schedule for telecommunications.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to award Bid 99-25 to Calvert Sales in the amount of \$8,674.00 for the purchase of one (1) backhoe trailer.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 99-52 to RS Contracting in the amount of \$15,103.00 for pavement marking.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5E. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to introduce an amendment to the Subdivision Control Ordinance, Chapter 33, Section 33-25 (5)(d) which provides for construction of one (1) condominium model in a new subdivision where there is also a condominium project as part of the subdivision plat.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to schedule a Study Session on Monday, November 8, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the presentation of the Fiscal Year 1998/1999 Financial Statement by the City Auditors, Plate & Moran.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

6A2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 99/00-9 introduced at the meeting of October 25, 1999.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A3. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and reject the offers of \$3,500.00 and \$5,000.00 for the purchase of excess City owned property parcel #017-99-0018-000 located on Beverly Road, west of Wayne Road because those offers were below market value.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A, with the addition of a new article to be known as Article XIII-A entitled “Central Business District” for the purpose of establishing development standards for the Central Business District.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A5. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to introduce a proposed zoning text amendment to the Romulus Code of Ordinances Appendix A, Articles II, XI & XVI by amending various sections extending the requirement to house long term parking facilities in parking garages in all of the RC zoned district.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A6. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to introduce an ordinance to amend Appendix A, Section 4.11 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances, entitled “Wireless Communication Facilities and Services” requiring special land use approval for mono-pole wireless support structures in the RC, O-R, C-2, C-3, M-1, Mt-2 and AP districts. Wireless support structures will be allowed, as a permitted principal use, on municipally owned sites in all zoning districts.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

6A7. Item deleted.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 1, 1999.

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan





## Senior computers

A twice weekly senior citizen computer class is now being offered at Romulus High School under the direction of Alice Kesner. The program is being offered through the adult education program. In the top photo, Kesner (standing left) is shown with three of her students: Ralph and Arleen Nodwell and Mary Tordy. In the bottom photo are Marcella Henderson and Peggy Carter. MCN Special Photo

## Seniors' voices need exercise as they age

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

The voices of senior citizens need exercise just like the rest of their bodies, Leslie Guinn, University of Michigan professor of voice and voice training, said last week.

Guinn advises that seniors treat their voices to at least eight eight-ounce glasses of non-caffeinated fluids every day and 12 to 15 minutes of exercise.

Some tell tale signs of sagging voice incidents are when grandchildren cannot hear you wish them a happy birthday on the phone, Guinn said, or when the choir director wants more volume from you at a holiday cantata.

Aging voices sometimes become weak as a result of little use -- which happens many times when a senior citizen lives alone and has few social opportunities to speak.

Voice exercises can be as simple as singing "Yaaahhh" at a modest volume, Guinn said.

Thus participating in a church or community choir can be a lifetime of joy, Guinn explains, if the voice receives proper care and treatment.

Not only do amateur singers benefit, Guinn said, but also teachers, clergy, salespeople, attorneys, telephone operators and even football quarterbacks.

Guinn, a faculty member since 1971, actually is a bass baritone and has appeared with most of the major symphony orchestras and summer festivals in the U.S.

During the last quarter of a

century, Guinn also has collaborated with otolaryngologists in the rehabilitation process of injured voices.

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# News from area Churches

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## Counseling center has opened...

The Agape Counseling Center of Plymouth -- featuring crisis intervention, marital problem and depression specialists -- has opened under the sponsorship of the Plymouth Church of Christ.

The center marked an open house this past Sunday to acquaint residents with its services and staff.

The center is located in the Plymouth Office Plaza, 40400 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 104A in Plymouth.

Counseling services will begin on Dec. 1, 1999 under the direction of David E. Thomas, a licensed professional counselor, who has a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University and has done pastoral counseling for the past 25 years.

For the past 14 years he has been the pastor of the Church of Christ, located at 9301 Sheldon Road in Plymouth, just south of Ann Arbor Road.

His position as church pastor will be filled by the Rev. Royce Dickinson Jr.

For more information call the center at 734-454-1136 of the church at 734-453-7630.



## ARCs to be rechartered

Major Brian Merritt, commander of the Romulus Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, extreme left, welcomes other Salvation Army leaders and two of his own council members. Joining Merritt are Lt. Col. Harry J. Smith, who outlined plans to recharter ARC units by next June; Capt. William Wolf of the Pontiac ARC, Capt. Bill Duggen of the Troy ARC, Larry Williams, president of the local ARC council; and Dick Behr, veteran member of the local council. MCN Photo by Al Post.

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Pastor Robert Bayer will deliver the message "Constrained by Grace" based on Luke 17:11-19.

The service will also offer both traditional hymns such as *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* and *Now Thank We All Our God*, as well as praise songs such as *He Has Made Me Glad* and *Give Thanks*.

For more information call the church office at 734-522-6830.

A St. Aloysius Church Sampler Cookbook is now being offered by St. Aloysius Catholic Church of Romulus.

The cookbook contains recipes from parishioners, students and their families and can be obtained for \$6.75 for the book and \$2 for mailing and packing.

The church is located at 11280 Ozga Road in Romulus. For more information or to order the cookbook call 734-941-5056.

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## Wayne voters ought to elect mayor, not council

A lot of politickin' took place prior to Tuesday, as the City of Wayne prepared to name a new mayor for the first time in eight years. Mayor Pro-Tem Donna McEachern, probably the odds-on favorite, was seeking the support of her four female peers on the council. Top vote-getter Robert Dickerson was hoping he could pull together a coalition to win the spot. Ditto popular councilperson Al Haidous.

In this writer's opinion, the politics should have been left for the voters. In other words, it is time that Wayne revised its charter to allow voters, not peers, to decide who is to be mayor of this city. Although largely a ceremonial position (the city manager and his staff conduct the day-to-day affairs of the city), the mayor deserves to have the mandate of the people, and not be handcuffed by the promises he made his peers to win the position.

It is the way in Inkster, where councilperson Hilliard Hampton recently defeated longtime mayor Edward Bivens in a popular vote. It is the way in Belleville, where Mayor Tom Fielder was re-elected by the people. It is also the way in Garden City.

These cities have a city manager form of government. They also have a part-time elected council. But they have opted, to allow the people to elect their ceremonial leader, the mayor. And that's the way it should be. The mayor should be elected by the people, not the six councilpeople they sit next to at meetings.

To my knowledge, Wayne is the only city in our area that has a mayor or supervisor not elected by the people. Romulus and Westland have elected full-time mayors. Van Bu-

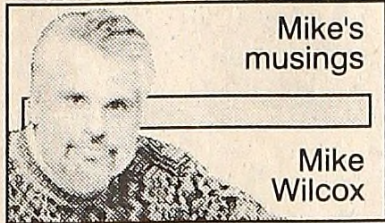
ren and Canton have elected supervisors. Inkster, Belleville and Garden City have elected part-time mayors, and full-time city managers.

This is not to say Wayne has not been served well by its appointed mayors. Retiring mayor Kenneth Warfield served a distinguished eight years, attending every little cocktail party and city gathering he possibly could. Before him, Patrick Norton served sixteen years, and there was no doubt who was in charge when he was Mayor.

It is time, however, Wayne joined ranks with their neighbors. Of course this would require changes to Wayne's charter. Currently councilpeople, are elected to four and two year terms. Thus every two years, at least three council seats are up for election. This would probably have to change to a system in which councilpeople were automatically elected to four year terms, with all seven seats expiring at the same time. Additionally, the election for mayor would follow the same schedule as the council seats- every four years.

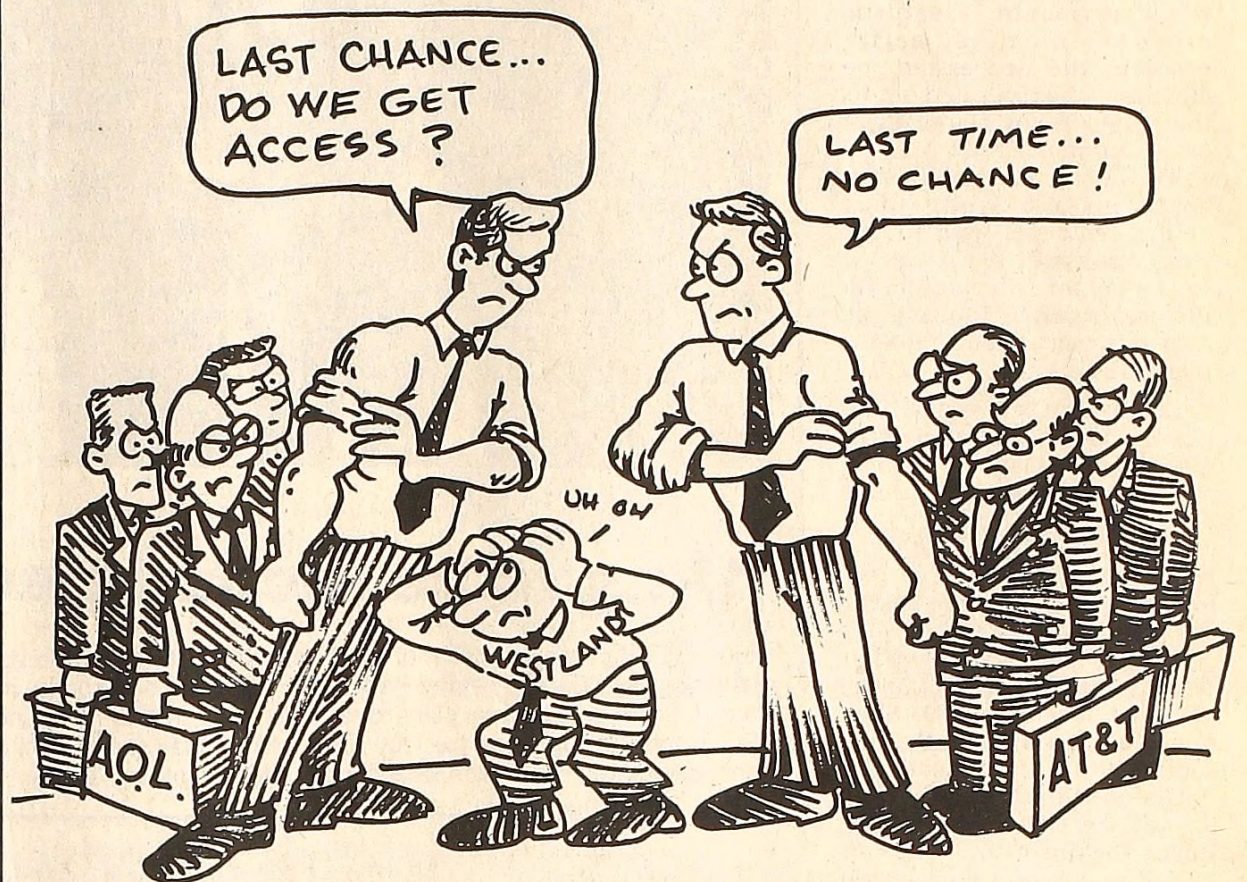
But hey, it's worth it.

Neighboring municipalities have found it to be a better way. Rather than having the position be filled by a popularity contest amongst councilpeople, it is time Wayne allowed its citizens to name the next mayor. How about it new council? Can we get it on the agenda in year 2000?



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



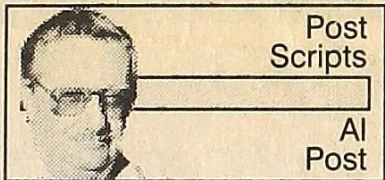
## Flush those Archie Bunker thoughts from your mind

Will area beer drinkers and other New Year's Eve revelers heed the advice of utility company spokespersons and resist the Archie Bunker urge to instantly flush their toilets at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 2000?

That was the main message passed out last Thursday by Wayne County spokeswoman June West (and agents from key utility companies): urge the public to not rush to flush toilets, turn on small home appliances and phone a neighbor a minute after midnight Jan. 1 to make sure that the Y2K bug hasn't struck their home.

While not exactly threatening a massive bathroom brown-out across the Metro area if such a stereo style flush occurs, a Detroit Water and Sewer Department spokeswoman said it would not be in our best interests if that loud sound of rushing water occurs simultaneously.

Most spokespersons vowed their utilities are ready for the changeover from 1999 to 2000 without any major hitches -- but none vowed it was 100 percent fool proof.



Post Scripts

Al Post

But most felt it was 99.999999 percent sure that no major crisis will strike the area.

The key unknown factors facing the world are the plans of any holiday hackers, who may want to make the initiation of the year 2000 extremely memorable.

In fact the spokeswoman for the water and sewer company said she can check the company's records and tell you the exact second that half-time of any Super Bowl began and any other major delay occurred in the game.

But since more persons across the Metro area will celebrate the beginning of the year 2000 than have watched any singular Super Bowl game -- she expects the "flipping" of the toilet knobs will be even

more widespread.

As for the rush to the phones -- Ameritech officials expect record numbers of calls shortly after the new year breaks -- many times higher than the annual Mothers' Day call cycle.

If there is any lucky thing that can be said about the New Years celebration period, it is that the holiday is falling on a weekend...and many persons will have several days to adjust before resuming their work schedules.

For public safety and utility company personnel however Saturday Jan. 1 will be anything but a holiday.

Most units will have huge back-up crew members ready -- all hoping that they will witness the "biggest non-event of the century."

The other unknown factor to date for the big Y2K night is the weather.

While many are hoping for a cold but dry night...local Department of Public Works employees will be on hand to "pass the salt please" if ice or snow storms develop.

## Council shouldn't hide behind doors

by Jim Rarey

There is a state law called the "Open Meetings Act" making it mandatory that all decisions of local and state governing bodies i.e. City Councils and the State Legislature, be made in sessions that are open to the public. The same provision is included in the Charters of all cities in Michigan, including the City of Romulus.

There are no exceptions. All decisions must be made in open sessions. However, the law does permit discussion of certain issues e.g. personnel matters, in closed (executive) sessions.

The law also permits discussion of litigation strategy in closed session, but only if such discussion in public would have an adverse financial impact on the city. The reasons(s) for the decision can be kept secret, but not the decision itself.

The purpose of the Open Meetings requirement is to ensure that decisions made by city councils are known to the residents and the public has a chance to com-

ment on the proposed decisions before a vote is taken.

For several years the Romulus City Council has been violating, not only the letter of the law, but the basic purpose of the law, in its handling of litigation concerning hazardous waste deep injection wells in the city.

Time after time the council has held discussions, and made decisions, behind closed doors. It then comes out into open session and votes to implement the decision made in secret without telling the public what that decision was.

This has resulted in the expenditure of nearly one million dollars by the city, without the authorization of those expenditures ever being made in public.

To add insult to injury, the last time this charade was played out, we were told the attorneys would prepare a "press release" to explain the action. In other words, rather than being disclosed in open session, as required by law, the citizens will have to wait and

"read it in the papers."

This has nothing to do with whether or not a person is opposed to the hazardous wells. I am personally opposed to such wells in any populated area. This has only to do with the public's right to know what the city council is doing with the taxpayers' money and their environment.

I don't know whether this course of illegal action was decided by the council, or on advice of the (former) city attorney. I suspect the latter. By law, what transpired in closed sessions can only be made public as authorized by the council or a court order.

The mayor is allowed to be at the closed sessions, but has no vote on the decisions, including the practice of keeping the decisions secret. It would be a violation of law for him to disclose anything that happened in closed session without the council's approval or a court order.

Hopefully, the council will start obeying the law before they are forced to by a citizen lawsuit.

## Zero tolerance policies are a crime

The Michigan Crime Report's statistics bears out what city planner Dimitri Bachas, project manager for Birmingham's master plan, told us a few years ago: that traditional pedestrian communities prevent crime.

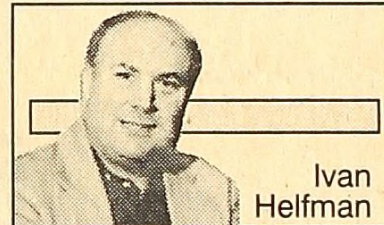
According to the report, traditional Northville and Plymouth cities were much safer than suburban Canton or Westland.

Figures for 1998 show that Westland averaged one crime per 24 residents; Canton averaged one per 31; Plymouth averaged one per 53; and Northville averaged one per 132.

Bachas, who works for the Duany firm -- the New Urbanists who designed Seaside, Florida, a resort where streets are narrow and homes have front porches -- had explained how pedestrian neighborhoods foster safety.

Since I lost Bachas's quote in a computer crash, let me quote New Urbanist James Kunstler's explanation. In *Home From Nowhere*, he wrote, "The best way to bring security to streets is to make them delightful places that honorable and decent people will want to walk in. They become in effect self-policing."

Where the streets are crowded, criminals are handicapped. Too many witnesses popping up. Too many potential heroes close by. And in traditional cities where traffic has been calmed, puttering traffic prevents high-speed get-aways.



Ivan Helfman

But where the streets are deserted, criminals can lurk in the darkness, picking on the weak, with less witnesses to worry about, and a fast escape.

While the safety of pedestrian communities has always been known, many community planners don't want to hear about it.

Without naming names, some scoffed when I asked them if statistics would bear out Bachas or if the crime rate in Celebration, Florida -- another New Urbanist city, though one created by Disney -- would demonstrate the safety of pedestrian communities.

I'd say it did since it took about two years for Celebration to report its first violent crime, an armed robbery.

Though pedestrian communities are safer, Canton and Westland planners continue to prevent them. It amazes me that under the two municipalities' ordinances, it's easier for an out-of-town corporation to build a tower to warehouse your retired parents than it is for you to build a granny home in your yard for you to care for them and involve them in your childrens' lives.

Having built breeding and

feeding grounds for criminals, Canton and Westland overcompensated by expanding police powers. Under zero tolerance policies, ordinary citizens can get handcuffed and arrested for petty offenses, overdue library books or master gardening in Westland, and fire alarm violations in Canton. For me, the low point in zero tolerance occurred last June when a battalion of police in 30 squad cars policed senior's last day at Canton and Salem High Schools to prevent shaving cream fights.

Ironically, because of its toll on innocent citizens, zero tolerance policing was abandoned by its creator, former New York City Police Chief William Bratton. Bratton now places an emphasis on selective enforcement, succeeding in Boston through partnerships with local clergy and community leaders to target criminals, rather than anybody and everybody.

After abandoning zero tolerance for community-building, Bratton not only reduced crime faster than in New York, he did it in Boston while lowering police brutality charges and expensive court-ordered payoffs to many innocent victims of zero tolerance.

This is no secret. President Clinton has endorsed Bratton's selective enforcement methods.

Yet zero tolerance sounds so tough that it blinds many communities to more effective, much cheaper ways to reduce crime.

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# Letters From Our Readers

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## Activist predicts Westland's future in government

To the Editor:

I watched on election night when, at the eleventh hour, defeat was snatched from the jaws of victory...and once again less than 6% ruled over 94% of the voters in Westland.

Due to a low voter turnout at the precincts, the block of absentee ballots pulled 3 of the motley 5 through the election once again:

And thus again we have so many doing so little to stop so few.

To the almost 11% of the voters that made the effort to voice their position by voting. No matter who they vote for...I say thank you for participating in the election.

So now I will bring out my crystal ball (shine it up real good)...wait!!! Let's get to my predictions first!

I predict when appointments come up for the planning and zoning boards, that Justine Barns will get one of them! Of course that's an easy one since in July I recorded a phone call...and was told so!

Next I predict that now, with a motley of 5 sitting on the council, when Bob Thomas wants to build a new city hall and recreation center he will get them and you can flip a coin as to which one will be the Thomas building and which one will be the Barns Building.

When the predictions I've made come true and they will and the almost 88% of non-voting people feel like the biggest fools on the face of the earth and they want to know who caused this to happen, you won't have far to go. Just look in the closest mirror and you will see the cause of where we are.

And if you want me to try and help you in trying to correct the problem and then go back to sleep, well remember the crystal ball that I shined up real good...you can take it and shove it where the sun don't shine!

I urge that anyone who reads this letter and is not sure of what I have predicted, then cut out this letter, put it in a safe place and let's see if, down the road, I'm correct or not!

Sincerely,  
James R. Davis

## Schools' students pledge to avoid drugs

To the Editor:

Every year at Lincoln Middle School, we pledge not to abuse drugs and alcohol.

One day out of each year, during home base, they send around a pledge sheet. In the past, we have had the highest amount of pledges in the state of Michigan. In previous years, the Pinnow-Pellegrini team has had one hundred percent of pledges. We also hope to achieve that goal this year.

All of this pledging is part of a celebration called the Red Ribbon Celebration. This past week, we just had our 3rd annual celebration. There is music, cheering, and banners. Every team of teachers and their students pick either a third or fourth grade class, or a business in the community. This year our teachers had a brilliant idea. We adopted all of the businesses in our community. Then, we put all of our banners together and made a train. Our motto is, "We are on the right track to being a drug-free community."

Also, in the 5th grade, they have a program called D.A.R.E. This is a program which teaches us the dangers of drugs. We have the police officers come in and teach us the methods that people try to get us to do drugs.

Last, but not least, in the high school, they have a program called S.A.D.D That stands for "Students Against Drunk Driving."

In conclusion, Lincoln students are doing all they can to prevent drug abuse. We would also like to encourage everybody in our community to fight against drugs and alcohol.

Sincerely,  
Pellegrini/Pinnow Students  
(P2)

## McEachern recommended as Wayne's mayor

To the Editor:

I have known Donna McEachern for many years. She is a fine outstanding business woman.

Her many years as City of Wayne Councilwoman and often Mayor Pro-Tem certainly should qualify her as Mayor for the City of Wayne.

I would like to see her as mayor of our city.

Hazel J. Neel  
Wayne

## Get rid of all the smutty places in Inkster

To the Editor:

I am writing you concerning the other problems we have besides what we had with the Melody Theater.

The problems that I'm referring to are the peep show, Bogarts and the 747. If we're going to rid our city of one place exploiting sex, let's get rid of all the rest.

What's so different than these three places than the Melody Theater?

If we're going to make Inkster a better city we must rid our city of the peep show, Bogarts and the 747.

Men, you can find something else to do with your time and your money than to give it to the peep show and the 747, also Bogarts.

Women you don't have to work in places like these there

are other jobs out there. Why must you degrade yourself working at such places?

We don't need our children growing up around places that are going to exploit sex all the time.

I say: Let's clean Inkster up and make Inkster a city you can respect and be proud to live in!

V.L.F. of Inkster

## Councilwoman pledges more civil election next time

To the Editor:

Than you for allowing me the opportunity to thank all of those people who voted for me in this recent election. I greatly appreciate their support and their belief in me.

I truly hope that future elections in Wayne will be conducted in a more civil manner. As the target of repeated unwarranted attacks, I do not wish that type of a campaign to be launched against any other candidate. It's unnecessary and demeaning to the entire community.

Again, a heartfelt thank you from one me to you for your support in the November election.

Sincerely,  
Donna McEachern  
Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Wayne

## Long-time resident recommends McEachern

To the Editor:

Election day is over (the one I'd like to forget because of what had to be the worst ever that I remember in our city) and it is time to go on and to look forward to better times. I have lived and raised a family here since 1951.

I would like the council to know that I support Donna McEachern for mayor. As I have known her for many year; I know the endless hours she has worked as a council person and for the last year as Mayor Pro-Tem. She is not doing this for personal gain but for the City of Wayne.

Donna will meet the challenges ahead and do her utmost to solve them with held from the other council members and all of us who live in Wayne.

Sincerely,  
Arlene M. Reid

## Finally a candidate who knows how to stop Westland's runaway spending

To the Editor:

After reviewing the most recent candidate literature prepared and mailed by Mr. Glenn Anderson, I find it very refreshing that finally someone can solve this matter of runaway spending in Westland.

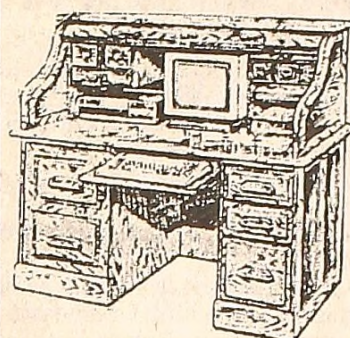
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## Is average good enough?

### Parents question districts hum-drum MEAP scores

By CAROL MARSHALL  
MCN Staff Writer

A recent front-page *Detroit News* article comparing 83 local school districts, and giving Van Buren Public Schools an "F" continues to raise concerns, as well as eyebrows.

Rainelle Burton, a former systems analyst and current freelance writer, gave the *News* study an "F" due to its reliance on "soft" data and misleading number crunching.

She told the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education she worked with the same raw data, and relied more heavily on "hard" data, such as MEAP and ACT scores, dropout rate and per-pupil spending, and found that VBPS should have scored more similarly to districts that received "B" and "C" grades.

She added that per-pupil spending, while it qualifies as hard data, is not necessarily as relevant as the article stated. Other factors, such as class size, were also graded, and because class size is directly related to spending, VBPS may have been doubly penalized. Further, she said, the article offered up no proof that spending equals superior performance.

But parent Bill Henderson admitted to the board he felt embarrassed when he read the article. He said his family had a choice whether to send his daughters to Ann Arbor schools or Van Buren schools. They chose Van Buren, due to positive experiences at Rawsonville elementary, and a meeting with South Middle School principal William Houston. But, the district's sluggish MEAP scores "may involve a decision change" for his children, he said.

He said while his family has had great experiences with VBPS, he has concerns about his daughters' education. Most importantly, he said, he's concerned about other parents' lack of involvement in the schools and how that affects the learning environment. He said at South Middle School's last open house, only four or five sets of parents, out of 23 of his daughter's classmates parents, showed up.

Local parent Harry Van Gelder expressed similar concerns. He said it seems the district is happy with average MEAP and ACT test scores. "When you only set your goals so high, you're only going to go that high," he said. "We're basically proud to be average."

Earlier that day, his children brought home their report cards,

and one of his children received all As, but he added, "I won't find out what those As mean until she goes off to college."

Van Gelder said the district needs to focus more on academics and less on athletics and band.

Trustee Martha Toth said while students can get a good education in Van Buren Public Schools, she has concerns over parent attitudes.

She said she has been taking her daughter and her daughter's friends on college campus visits. "You can really tell when a student is the first in their family to go to college," she said. Toth said those students whose parents didn't go to college often don't see the importance of taking the MEAP

exam, or applying on time to colleges.

Burton addressed a similar issue in her presentation when she stated that the *News* had factored in income, and VBPS scored worse than expected, due to average income. She said many VBPS parents are employed at nearby auto manufacturing plants, while in other communities, parents with similar income hold white collar jobs which require more education, which effects the way their children feel about education.

"I'm not saying there shouldn't be some improvements in the MEAP's," Burton said, "but you have to understand this study and the data analysis."



### Artist of the week

Jayla Young, a first grader in teacher Kim Dybicki's class, was named Artist of the Week at Tyler Elementary School in Belleville. Students in Brie Stosick's art class studied architecture and cityscapes. Jayla's picture represents a city at twilight.

## BHS names 12 scholars

Twelve students at Belleville High School have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. Approximately 23 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP exams. Only about 13 percent of the more than 700,000 students who took the exams in May performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

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several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams at Belleville High School:

- One student, **Douglas Rose**, qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average of at least 3.5 [out of five possible points] on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

- Three students—**David Capps**, **Stephan Clark**, and **Janet Grudzien**—

qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

- Eight students—**Valerie Clark**, **Adam Debuysscher**, **Candice Elkins**, **Mark Fromer**, **Joseph Lorraine**, **Daniel O'Neill**, **Andrew Smith**, and **Orlando Warren**—qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams, with grades of 3 or higher.

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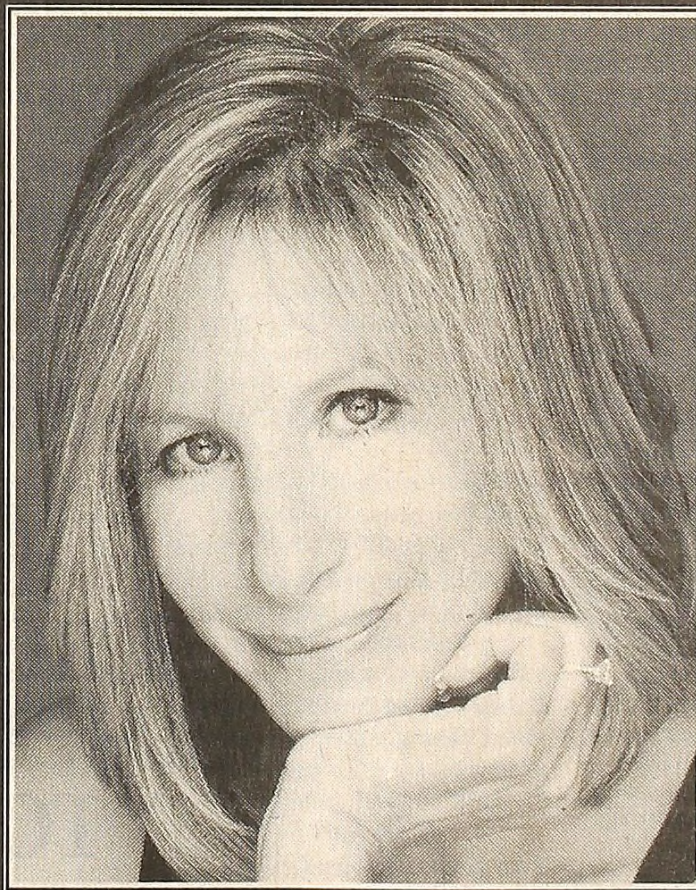
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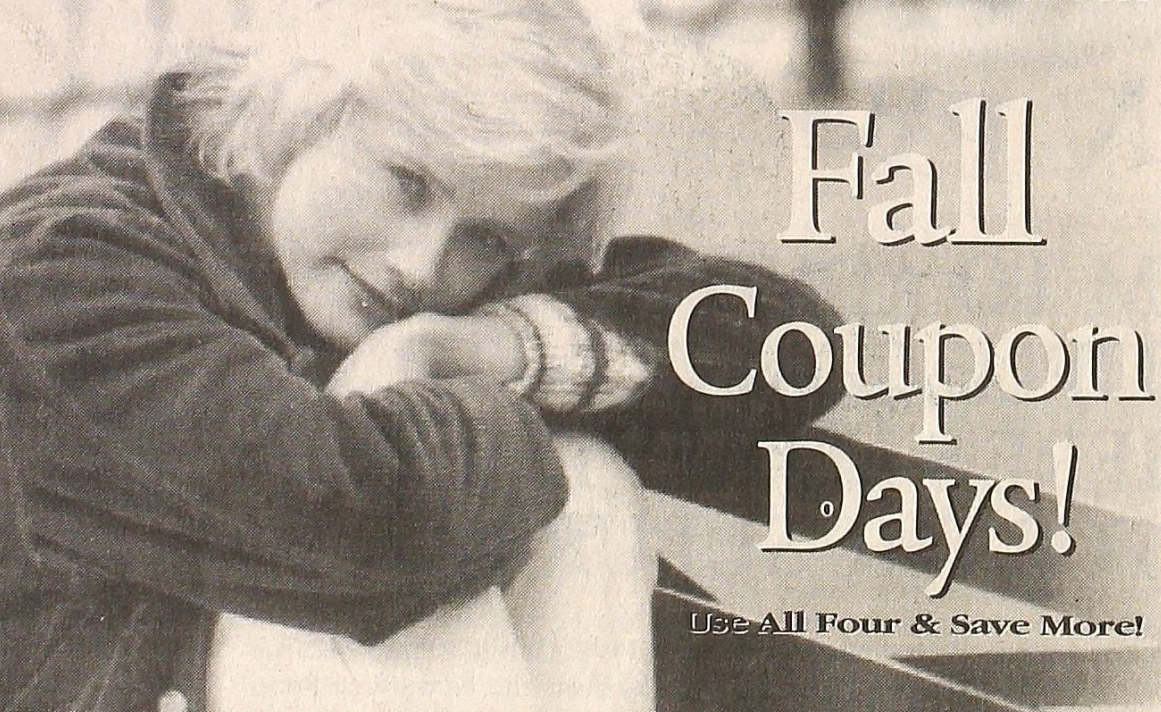
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**BAKER, LILLIE BELLE**  
 Age 81 of Inkster, passed away Oct. 13, 1999. Dear mother of Josephine, Sadie, Barbara, Cornelius, David, Betty, Jonathan and Ruth. Also survived by 3 brothers, 2 sisters, 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Services were held Oct. 19 at Pentecostal Temple COGIC. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

**BARR, JOSEPH CHARLES**  
 Age 62 of Westland, passed away Oct. 29, 1999. Beloved husband of Patricia. Dear father of Suzanne (Dana), Mary (John), Cynthia (Randy) and Joseph J. (Bridget). Also survived by 1 brother, 1 sister and 12 grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 1 at St. Richard's Catholic Church with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Arrangements buy Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

**BASKIN, HENRY**  
 Age 94 of Inkster, passed away Sept. 30, 1999. Dear father of Claude, James, Ernest, Ethel, Margaret, Evelyn and Yvonne. Also survived by 54 Grandchildren, 36 Great Grandchildren and 12 Great Great Grandchildren. Services were held Oct. 9 at Beth-El Church of Apostolic Faith in Detroit. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

**BROWN, GLORIA ANN**  
 Age 64 of Inkster, passed away Oct. 1, 1999. Beloved daughter of Venice Jackson and mother of Michael, Carmen and Kerwin. Also survived by 4 sisters, 2 brothers, 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Services were held Oct. 7 at New Birth Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

**CLARK, SR., ROBERT L.**  
 Age 67 of Belleville, passed away Nov. 7, 1999. Beloved husband of Shirley J. Clark. Dear father of Dennis H. (Lisa), Douglas W., Andrew T. (Darlene), Vickie L. (Shawn), Donald B. (Phyllis), Michael W. (Debbie), Jeffrey A. (Patti) and Robert L. Jr. (Shirley). Also survived by 2 brothers, 1 sister, 18 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 11 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with entombment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

**COURTEAU, HAZEL S.**  
 Age 52 of Westland, passed away Nov. 4, 1999. Survived by sisters, Kathleen, Joyce, Rosalie, Colleen, and brothers Harold, the late Duane and the late Lester, 17 nieces & nephews, 12 great nieces & nephews. Services were held Nov. 8 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

**DAVID, MARY M.**  
 Age 80 of Belleville, passed away

Nov. 7, 1999. Beloved wife of the late James David. Dear mother of Ronald (Susan), Dennis (Barbara), Mary Beth (John), Danielle (Gary) and Judy (David). Also survived by 1 sister, 2 brothers, 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 11 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with interment at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens of Livonia.

**GALE, MARY HELEN**  
 Age 73 of Westland, passed away Nov. 9, 1999. Beloved wife of James J. Gale. Dear mother of Lynda, K. Jay (Jonnie) and Jon (Diana). Grandmother of 4. Services were held Nov. 13 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West of Westland.

**HENDERSON, WARREN KEVIN**  
 Age 35, passed away Oct. 8, 1999. He leaves to mourn, his mother Walterine, step-father Edward, beloved Amber. Also 2 sister, 2 step-sisters, 1 step-brother and other family members. Services were held Oct. 14 at Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

**HERIG, PHYLLIS C.**  
 Age 74 of Brighton (formerly of Canton), passed away Nov. 11, 1999. Beloved wife of Henry. Dear mother of Mary Herig and Henry W. (Kathy). Also survived by 2 grandchildren, 2 brothers and 1 sister. Services were held Nov. 16 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Sheldon Cemetery in Canton, MI.

**LAUREL, CAROL ANN**  
 Age 57 of Westland, passed away Oct. 28, 1999. Dear mother of Michelle (Thomas) Krumm and grandmother of Darren. Also survived by 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Services were held Nov. 1 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

**REILLY, JIM J.**  
 Age 74 of Belleville, passed away Nov. 3, 1999. Companion and friend of Rosemary Mills of Belleville. Also survived by 1 brother and 1 sister. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremations rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

**SHIRLEY, GLORIA R.**  
 Age 74 of Westland, passed away Nov. 5, 1999. Beloved wife of the late Fred W. Also survived by 4 sons, 5 daughters, 5 brothers, 1 sister, 29 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 8 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

**SLACK, HAROLD A.**  
 Age 71 of Westland, passed away Nov. 7, 1999. Beloved husband of Myrtle Marie Slack. Dear father of Sharon (Frank), Kathy, Dawn, Dale (Larry), Kelly (Scott), Janette (Rotert), Brian (Pam) and Howard (Carol). Also survived by 2 sisters, 2 brothers, 19 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 10 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Oakland Hills Memorial Park, Novi, MI.

**SLIGH, VIRGINIA ALICE**  
 Age 87, passed away Oct. 12, 1999. Dear mother of Marion Jones. Services were held Oct. 19 at Smith Chapel AME Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

**SMALL, LYNWOOD R.**  
 Age 64 of Atlanta, MI., passed away Nov. 3, 1999. Beloved husband of Nancy Small. Dear father of Ronald (Betty), Scott and father-in-law of Shelly. Grandfather of 5. Preceded in death by his parents and son Ricky Lyn. Services were held Nov. 6 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with interment at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

**STROUD, DAVID FREDRIC**  
 Age 62 of Belleville (Sumpter Twp), passed away Nov. 8, 1999 at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. Beloved husband of Elizabeth (LeBlanc) Stroud whom he married May 28, 1971. Dear father of Cheryl Manning of White Cloud, MI. and grandfather of two. Mr. Stroud was born in Detroit on Dec. 30, 1936 and was employed at Blackwell Ford in Plymouth since 1983 as a car painter. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Marguerite Stroud. Services were held Nov. 11 at Arthur Bobcean Funeral Home in Flat Rock with interment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

**WALTERS, MARGARET MARY**  
 Age 82 of Westland, passed away Nov. 10, 1999. Beloved wife of Harry Thomas Walters. Dear mother of David (Karen), Bill (Sharon), Barbara Ann, Joni (Jim), Sheri (Pete) Kathy (Jim), Robert, Phillip (Lori) and Susie (Gary). Also survived by 1 sister, 2 brothers, 19 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church with interment at Cherry Hill Cemetery, Canton.

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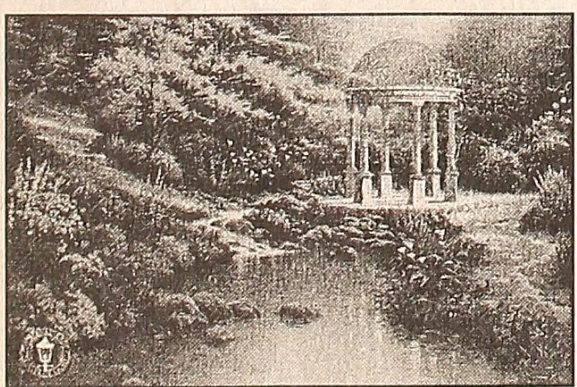
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## SPORTS

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# And then there are none...

## Undefeated Walled Lake Western eliminated Glenn from playoffs

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

And then there were none... Before wall-to-wall, no-parking space available, shivering 5,000 fans, undefeated Walled Lake Western crushed Westland John Glenn, 35-0, to capture a regional football championship.

In a game local fans believed was scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday (as reported by most local and metropolitan

newspapers) but played Friday night, Walled Lake Western's Cody Cargill scored all four of his team's touchdowns against a Glenn team that didn't, couldn't mobilize its defense against a Western team that was ready for the challenge.

Western was riding the crest of an 11-game winning streak, including last week's big triumph over Redford Catholic Central, a team ranked No. 1 in the state most of the second-

half of the 1999 season.

The victory advanced the Western Lakes Conference champ into Saturday's state semifinal round. Western is scheduled to play Rockford at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Lansing Everett High School. The winner heads for the Pontiac Silverdome the following week.

Western's apparent strategy against the Rockets, which came into the showdown that never materialized with a string of five victories includ-

ing a stunning win over previously undefeated Detroit Henry Ford, was "to give Jones his 100-plus yards, but stop any other Glenn player from getting their yardage."

Jones - Glenn's sterling senior running back, Eric Jones, rushed for 151 yards on 29 attempts against Western, but for the first time this season was held out of the end zone by the defense.

In an incredible season, Jones finished his senior year

with 2,167 yards to become the first-ever Glenn player, and probably the first-ever area player to chalk up 2,000 or more yards in one season.

Not even Robichaud High's outstanding all-around athlete, Tyrone Wheatley, who is in his third year in the NFL, managed to run past the 2,000-yard marker in a single season.

"Eric is an outstanding athlete and fine young man," said Glenn coach Chuck Gordon, who also commented that his

team's disappointing performance against Western should not detract from the Rockets' outstanding season.

"Western has an exceptional talent on this team, and we wish them the best in their bid for the state title," said Gordon. "I would not be honest if I said that I wasn't disappointed (at the Western game), but these kids, as always, gave it their best shot and unfor-

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## Tickets for state finals on sale

All of the local high school teams may have been wiped out from the state football playoffs, but there are still a lot of exciting games remaining before the state crowns its champs.

Tickets for the 1999 Michigan High School Athletic Association Football Finals went on sale this week at the Pontiac Silverdome Box Office.

No, you'll not find John Glenn or Romulus in the final four, but you may find Walled Lake Western, which is undefeated in 12 starts and will be defending the Western Lakes Conference's reputation for fielding outstanding teams in the semifinals.

MHSA officials pointed out that all tickets are general admission, and will admit an individual to two games for each session.

Tickets are \$8, and include parking at the Silverdome.

Session One of the finals will have the Division 8 and 2 games on Nov. 26, kicking off at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively. The Division 6 and 4 games will take place during Session Two that day, with the D-6 game at 5 p.m. and the D-4 contest at 8 p.m.

On Nov. 27, Session Three will have the Division 7 and 1 title games, and the Session Four championships will be in Division 5 and 3, following the previous day's time schedule.

Fans who need more information may obtain it at the Pontiac Silverdome Box Office at 248/456-1600 daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No public sale of tickets will take place at the MHSA office.

Incidentally, the MHSA is a private not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition.

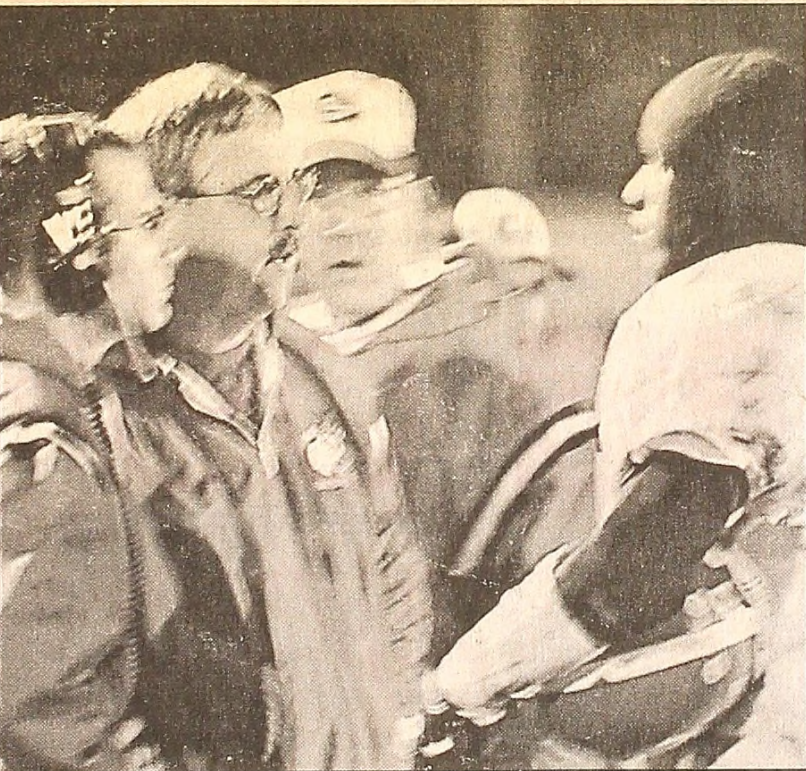
No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools.

Member schools which enforce those rules are permitted to participate in MHSA tournaments conducted in 12 sports for girls and 12 sports for boys which attract approximately 1.3 million spectators each year.

## Ex-Canton runner vies for Alma

Former Plymouth-Canton cross country star Lark Haunert was a member of the Alma College Women's Cross Country team that finished 10th out of 29 competing teams at the Division III Great Lakes Regional Championships.

Haunert, a freshman, is a rising comet with coach Dan Gibson's Scots which finished with 294 points at the regional meet.



Freshman Glenn quarterback Brian Ceckiewicz (4) hands off to fullback Chris McFarland (46) who heads for the Walled Lake Western line as guard Jim Waller (62) attempts to open a crack in the line for McFarland to squeeze through. Western was tough and didn't give up a TD to the Rockets in the regional finals that ended in a 35-0 Western victory. In the photo at left, Glenn head coach Chuck Gordon discusses strategy with senior running back Eric Jones who brought the curtains down on a brilliant high school football career. Jones picked up 150-yards plus against Western and became the first-ever Glenn running back to chalk up 2,000 or more yards in a single season. Glenn finished the 1999 campaign with an enviable 9-3 record. Photos by Brown Special Events Services

## All-Western Division Canton's Wells, Stonerock are among the elite chosen

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton's Brad Wells and Nick Stonerock were among the elite players selected by the Western-Lakes Conference coaches to the All-Western Team.

Wells, a 6-1, 225-pound senior, was named as the First-String center, while his teammate, Stonerock, a 5-10, 190-pound senior was one of three running backs named to the elite squad. (The All-Conference and All-Lakes Division teams appeared here last week).

Joining Stonerock in the backfield on offense are Northville's Brandon Langston (5-7, 150, junior) and Walled Lake Western's Brian Tominna (5-6, 150-pound senior).

The quarterback is Walled Lake Western's Chris Payton, a 5-11, 185-pound senior who led his team to the conference championship and, with Western's lopsided 35-0 victory over Westland John Glenn Friday night, captured a regional title

en route to a semi-final berth in the state playoffs.

Incidentally, Western is scheduled to meet Rockford at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Lansing Everett High School to decide which team will qualify for the state championship game.

Coaches selected two wide receivers to honor as All-Western. The two are: Aaron Redden, of Northville. He's 6-2, 185 and is a junior, while the other receiver is Brandon Routhier, also of Walled Lake Western. Routhier checks in at 6'2", 187-pounds, and he is a senior.

Rounding out the mythical line on offense are Walled Lake Western's tight end, Tony Henry (6-2, 265, junior); and the interior linemen are: Mike Gaura (Livonia Churchill - 6-2, 326-pounds, senior), Paul Grech (Livonia Franklin - 5-10, 250-pounds, senior); Adam Bobola (Walled Lake Western - 5-8, 185, senior) and Brad Person (Farmington Harrison 6-5, 215, senior).

The All-Western defense is composed of down linemen

Delore Semaan (Walled Lake Western 5-11, 225, senior), Todd Saroki (Walled Lake Western 5-9, 205, senior), Chris Melacon (Livonia Franklin 6-4, 300-pounds, senior); the end-linebackers are: Robert Pisha (Walled Lake Western 6-1, 175, senior), Brad Roumaya (Walled Lake Western 6-0, 200, senior), while the three designated linerbackers are: Rob Wilson (Churchill 5-11, 190, junior), Memer Haddad (Walled Lake Western 5-8, 195, senior), and Ryan Lukas (Farmington Harrison 6-0, 210, senior).

The All-Western defensive backs are: Lou Hadley (Farmington Harrison 5-11, 170-pounds, senior), Dave Merandi (Walled Lake Western 5-9, 155, senior) and Dave Painter (Livonia Franklin 6-0, 150, senior).

The specialist for punts and point-afters is Alan Mulchar of Walled Lake Western fame. Mulchar is 5-11, 165-pounds and is a senior.

Walled Lake Western cap-

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## Tigers capture Mega Red/White playoff title

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

It may not be the first Mega Conference championship, but 1999 saw the conference change its format for deciding the basketball title.

In a "round-robin" playoff system between the top two divisions (Red/White) in the four-tier (also Blue/Gold) Mega Conference, pre-season Red Division title favorite, Belleville, captured the 1999 Mega Conference, Red/White divisions' playoff basketball title.

Belleville coach Kevin Edwards and the Tigers, behind exceptional play by senior guard Jenetria Harden, and the Kilgore sisters - Ryann and Kristen - surfaced with the inaugural Mega Conference hoop title by beating the best the Mega White had to offer.

In the first-ever Mega Red-White playoff, the Tigers came out 48-27 winners over Redford Township Thurston. (The top four finishers in the Red played the top four in the White to determine the champion).

Harden, with a dozen steals, stole the show.

But, in the supporting cast, Ryann came up with 15 points and 10 rebounds and her sister, Kristen, chipped in with 11 points and nine rebounds, to assure the victory.

Belleville also favored to win the Class A district playoffs, which began Monday night at Romulus, turned back Livonia Franklin and met Wayne Memorial, which drew a first-round bye.

Garden City was to take on the winner of the Romulus vs. John Glenn game, scheduled for Wednesday and the winner will advance to the championship game slated for 7 p.m. on Friday.

In the meantime, Wayne Memorial picked up a pair of victories in the "consolation round" of the Mega Red/White playoffs.

Wayne jumped out in front 11-2 against Woodhaven and didn't stop until the Zebras had sealed a 41-31 victory over the Warriors.

Five different players scored for Wayne in the first period. The Zebras' lead dwindled to 19-12 at the half and Woodhaven moved to within five (29-24) after three, but Wayne, on the strength of strong performances by Sheila Honeycutt and Nicole Campbell, managed to hang on for the victory.

*In the first-ever Mega Red-White playoff, the Tigers came out 48-27 winners over Redford Township Thurston. (The top four finishers in the Red played the top four in the White to determine the champion).*

Honeycutt and Campbell each scored seven for the winners, who put together a 12-2 run in the middle of the fourth quarter.

Wayne canned 12 of 20 free throws, while Woodhaven sank nine of 18 and also got a 11-point effort from Diana DeIucco.

On Tuesday, Garden City outscored Wayne 21-15 to turn back upset-minded Wayne, 56-45. Wayne had ample opportunities to win this one at the free throw line where they failed to capitalize upon 20 charities. They managed to make 15 of 35 for the game.

Honeycutt again emerged as Wayne's top scorer. She had 10 points, while Garden City's Christina Gaines topped the winners with eight.

The game was close until the final eight minutes as Garden City had leads of 11-8 and 22-18 after the first two periods. The two went into the final quarter with Garden City up at 35-30.

Trailing 12-2 early against Redford Union, Wayne coach Wayne Woodard decided to bench his starters and turn loose the underclassmen who went on a 12-2 run that slashed R.U.'s lead to 14-12.

Close the until the final period, R.U. led at the half, 26-23. Wayne managed to tie the game at 37, then went on to outscore their rivals, 18-3, in the final period for the victory.

Honeycutt scored a career high 22 points and Amber Henn, a sophomore, added seven for the winners. Karen Hillson tossed in 14 points for the losers.

The victory gave Wayne a 4-16 overall record for the regular season.

## All-Area coming up

The Michigan Community Newspapers' Sports Staff is putting the finishing touches to the 1999 All-Area High School Football Team.

Made up of the best of the best players from the varsity squads at Westland John Glenn, Romulus, Inkster, Belleville, Plymouth-Salem, Plymouth-Canton, Wayne Memorial, and Robichaud, the team is selected by the MCN staff, in cooperation with the local coaches.

As been traditional over the past 32-years, a coach will also be selected as the 1999 Coach of the Year.

The tribute to the top offense and the defense players of the 1999 season, along with the top coach, will appear here next week.



## Schultz picked all-MIAA

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

A Belleville distance runner culminated an outstanding collegiate cross country season by earning one of the berths on the coveted all-conference team.

After helping Albion College finish third at the Alma College Cross Country Invitational, Rebekah Schultz was afforded post-season recognition by the conference coaches.

Schultz, a junior and graduate of Hemlock High School, earned all Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors, coaches announced last week.

The coaches use the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association cross country championships as the bases for their nominations and final selections.

Schultz finished 17th overall at the championships with a time of 19:51, marking the second time this season that she has finished under the 20-minute mark.

At the MIAA jamboree, she

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## The best of the best

Picking up side-kick Michael Gray (2) for interference, Inkster running back Lou Hawkins (5) makes his way into Madison Heights Lamphere territory. It was the Vikings' inaugural appearance in a post-season playoff game, and, unfortunately for the Vikings, it was a losing one. The loss however did not dampen the outstanding - and historic - Inkster season. Coach Mark Townsend's team strung together an unprecedented seven-game winning streak before Rouge snapped it in the Mega Gold championship game. Inkster went on to post a 7-3 overall season. And a couple of the Vikings have been drafted for the All-Area Football Team. The team, and Coach of the Year, will be announced next week. Photo by Brown's Special Events.

## MCN staff seeks sports schedule

With the loss by Westland John Glenn to Walled Lake Western in the regional finals, the last of the local high school teams have been eliminated from the state playoffs.

As the curtain falls on the football season, it rises on the winter sports season.

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## Young Romulus golf team ends successful season

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Led by senior captain Scott Cutcher, Romulus High wrapped up one of its most successful golf seasons in recent history.

"We had a young team that matured quickly," said Romulus coach Bill Knight, whose Eagles posted a 37-12 overall record, while finishing fifth in the Mega Conference Blue Division.

"We had some high spots, like finishing first at the Ypsilanti Invitational and we had our bad days as well, but definitely this was a successful year for us," Knight added.

Cutcher and senior Brandon Wildman formed the nucleus of the Eagles' 1999 team.

Others who contributed to the success of the team included junior Darren Cox and Roger Chapman, a sophomore who had many excellent rounds.

Also earning varsity accolades were team members Mike Murphy and Warren Howard.

Murphy, a sophomore, and Howard, a junior, joined by Chapman and Cox will return

to a Romulus lineup that should make the Eagles a serious title contender in the Blue Division next year.

"These kids have excellent work ethics and they, as well as myself, are looking forward to the year 2000 campaign," Knight added.

## CYO seeks coaches

If you're a basketball coach and have a few spare hours to help some youngsters, this one's for you.

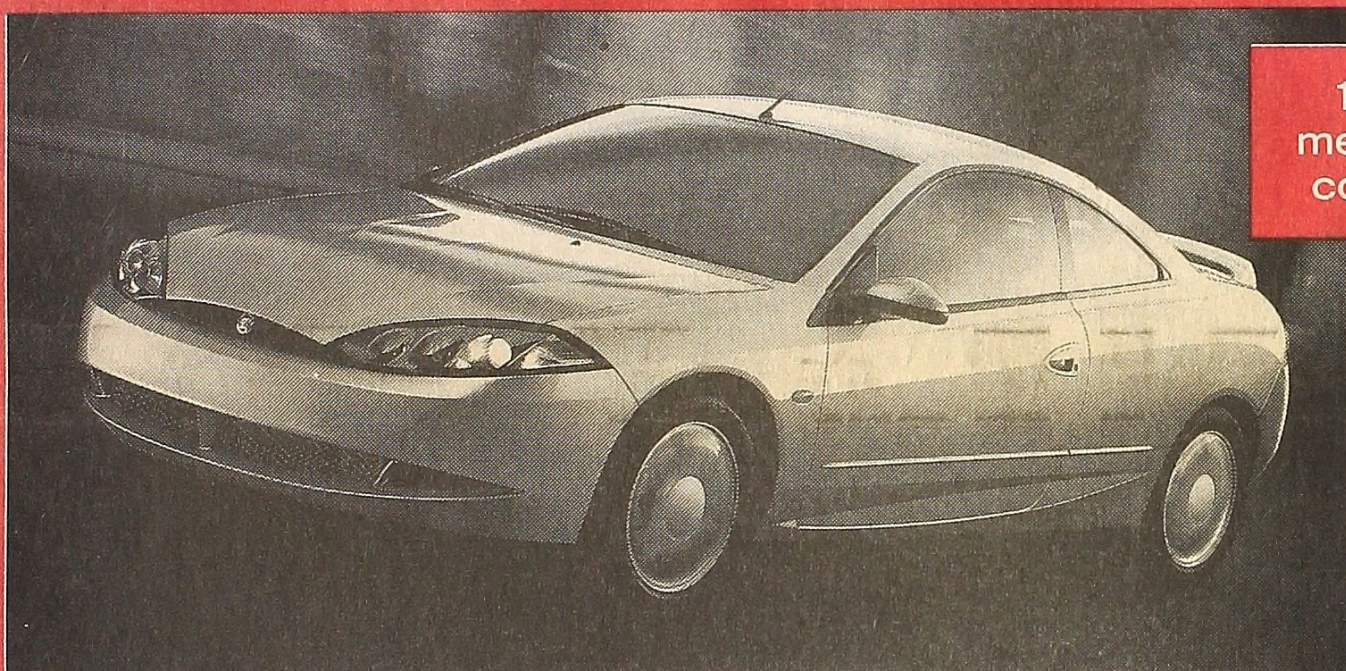
The CYO's Community Recreation Basketball League in Southwest Detroit is looking for volunteer youth basketball coaches.

Players will be between the ages of 6-16, and the league will begin competition on Jan. 8.

High school juniors and seniors are more than welcome to coach. A coaches' training session will be offered in December.

For more information, please call Bob Toboy at 313-963-7172, extension 162.

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## The rush is on

Glenn's Chris McFarland (46) leads the rush to Walled Lake Western senior quarterback Chris Payton who is nailed before he manages to get the ball airborne. However, Payton set up one of his team's TDs thanks to a long run and also passed for a second in a lopsided 35-0 victory over the visiting Rockets in a regional championship game. Photo by Brown's Special Events Services

## WYAA launches hoop registration

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

With the junior football season behind them, the Westland Youth Athletic Association is looking toward the basketball season.

WYAA officials this week announced that they are registering girls and boys for the upcoming hoop year.

Players are urged to sign up at the Lange Compound, located on Farmington Road.

two blocks north of Ford Road. Registration will be accepted between the hours of 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

Youngsters will compete in the following age group divisions: 7 and 8 year olds; 9-10; and 11-12 year olds. There is a small registration fee.

For parents who need further information about the WYAA rules and requirements, they are requested to contact the compound by telephoning 734/421-0640.

## Hope's hoop lineup includes Canton star

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Former All-Area basketball star, Mark Bray, will be returning as a senior to the Hope College lineup to help coach Glenn Van Wieren's Dutchmen make a run for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship.

Coached by Danny Young while at Canton, Bray has matured into a 6-1, 175 senior guard who handles the back-court responsibilities and is also deadly at three-point range.

During the 1998-99 campaign, Bray was in the thick of

the action which ended with the Dutchmen winning a share of the MIAA championship.

Hope posted a 15-11 overall record to make the 1998-99 campaign a school-record 20th consecutive winning season.

Hope has won 15 or more games each of the last 18 years.

Bray's high game in the last campaign was 22 points, which also stands as a career high. He played in 23 games a year ago and made 56 of his 177 field goal attempts.

The Dutchmen are also considered one of the pre-season title favorites to win it all in their conference.

## Glenn

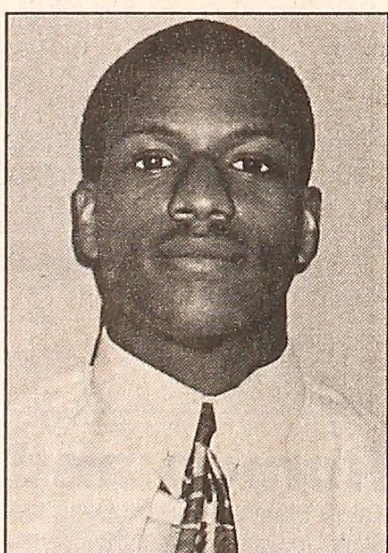
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fortunately it wasn't enough." Cargill, a 6-0, 205-pound senior running back, picked up his first of four TDs late in the first quarter, scoring from the 11-yard line after quarterback Chris Payton set up the TD on an option play that would up with Payton's 45-yard run to the Glenn 11.

Alan Mulchart then booted the point-after and with 5:21 left in the quarter, the host was up 7-0.

A 20-yard pass from Payton to Cargill completed a mid-field drive that widened the lead to 13-0 in the second quarter, which stood up until the intermission.

Cargill came back and scored from the 1 and early in the fourth broke loose on a 35-yard TD run for his fourth and



Eric Jones  
A 2,167-yard season

final score of the game.

Glenn wrapped up the 1999 season with an impressive 9-3 record, while Western will enter the semifinals with a 12-0 record.

Plymouth-Canton, Robichaud and Inkster.

Phone numbers, especially those of new coaches, would be helpful.

Athletic directors, or athletic department who are media contacts that need further information are requested to contact MCN staff writer Tom Mooradian by dialing 734-729-4000.

## Schedules

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Michigan Avenue, Wayne, Mich. 48184.

The MCN specifically is looking for schedules from the following schools: Belleville, Romulus, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn (already submitted), Plymouth-Salem,

## Schultz

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finished 23rd with a time of 20:00.

After taking a week off, Albion on Saturday traveled to

the NCAA Great Lakes Regional competitions, hosted this year by Ohio Northern University.

The meet was held in Ada, Ohio. (Results were not available at press time Tuesday and will be published next week.)

## Athlete-Scholar award deadline approaching

If you've done your homework in the classroom and on a field of athletic competition that earned you a varsity letter, you may just be in line for an Athlete-Scholar Award.

The award is presented by the Michigan High School Athletic Association annually to high school scholar-athletes.

But the application for the MHSAA award, presented by the Farm Bureau, must be submitted to your high school

principal before Nov. 22 to be considered.

The Athlete-Scholar Award presents a \$1,000 scholarship in every activity which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament.

The scholarships may be used at an institution of higher learning the recipients attend during the first-year at those colleges.

Students applying for the award must be graduating dur-

ing the 1999-2000 school year, be carrying an unrounded 3.50 (on a 4.0) grade point average, and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport in which the MHSAA sponsors post-season competition.

Applicants will also be required to show involvement in other school-community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

Each MHSAA member

school will be allowed to nominate one student-athlete in each championship activity, and an individual may be nominated in more than one sport. Applications are available through all MHSAA member schools.

The 24 scholarship recipients will be recognized at the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 25.

## Elite

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tured the Western Division with a perfect 5-0 record and looking up at the divisional champ were Farmington Harrison (3-2), Plymouth-Canton (3-2), Northville (2-3), Livonia Franklin (1-4) and Livonia Churchill (1-4).

Over in the Lakes Division, it was a close race that went right down to the final week, but Farmington managed to nose out Livonia Stevenson for the title.

Farmington finished with a 4-1 record, while Stevenson, also with a 4-1 record, moved aside to allow Farmington to play Walled Lake Western for the overall conference cham-

pionship. (Western won the title bout.)

Trailing the two leaders in the Lakes Division standings were Westland John Glenn (3-2), Walled Lake Central (2-3), Plymouth-Salem (2-3) and North Farmington (0-5).

Coaches also gave the following local players recognition as Honorable Mention. Included on that list from John Glenn are: Jim Doherty, Keith

Luke, Jeff Mitchell, Ryan Rat-tray, Nick Ragiero, Chad Sansom and Billy Sofo.

From Plymouth-Salem, the following were honored: Brandon Ellison, Chris Jones, Dan Jones, Jacob Scherbaty and Ryan Silva; and from Plymouth-Canton: Brian Applegate, Dan Bak, Scott Durham, Jerry Gaines, SeanHussey, Dave Kushman and John Pacock.

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YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

**TEENS AGAINST TOBACCO USE** program is being sponsored by the Christmas Seal program of the American Lung Association of Michigan. Goal of the Christmas Seal program this year is \$1.5 million. Miss Michigan (Audrie Chernauckas), who is serving as this year's chairperson, said each day 3,000 kids start smoking and one out of every three will die as a result of their tobacco use. For more information call 800-LUNG-USE.

**BLOOD DRIVE** coordinated by Schweitzer Girl Scout Troop No. 373 will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Schweitzer School gym in Wayne. For an appointment or more information call Kandolynn Goodchild at 734-721-0827.

**KRYSTAL'S MOTOR TOWN CAFE** a half hour program show casing local musical and comedy talent featuring "the world's sexiest announcer" is now being telecast on local Public Access channels in Wayne and other communities. Check local listings for time and day of telecast.

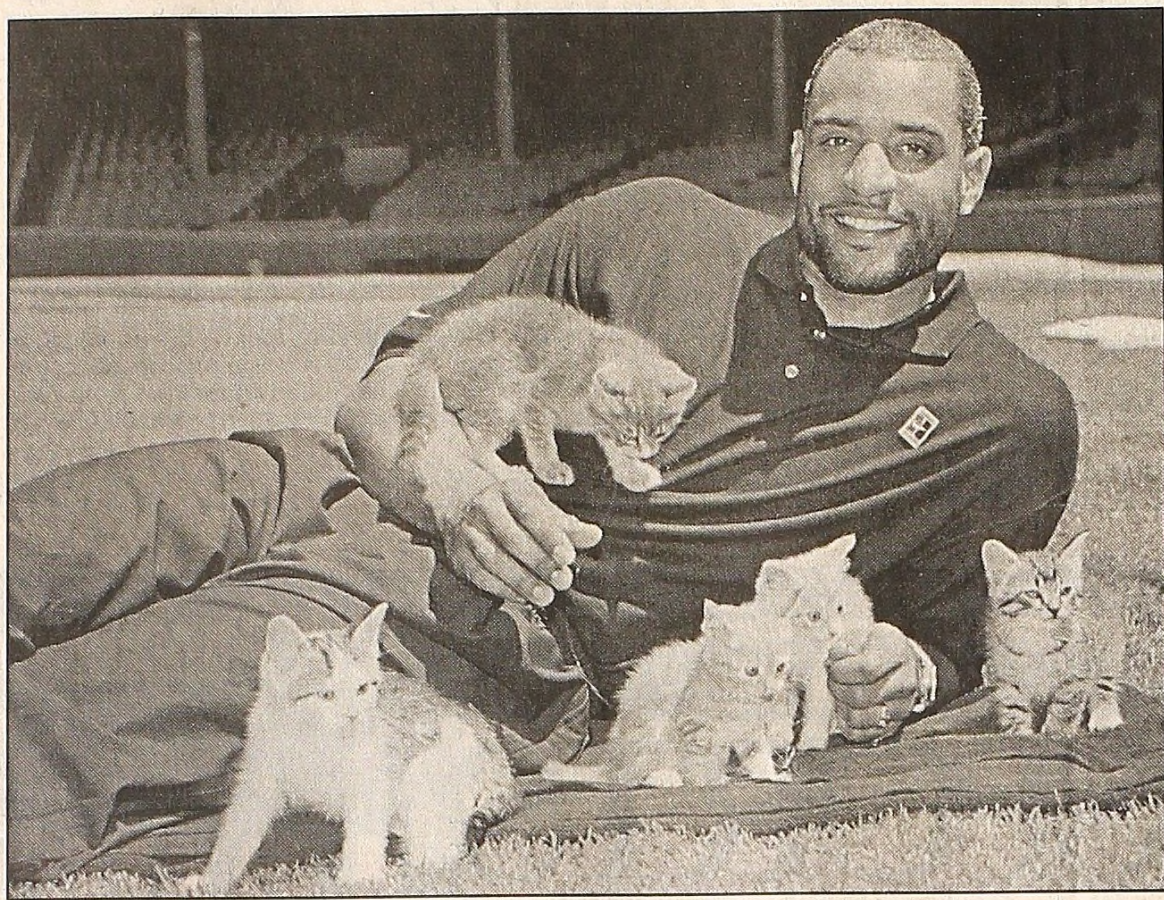
**WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY ALANO** offers AA meetings daily and noon and 6 p.m., Al Anon at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 p.m. Sundays and an open talk and potluck on Saturdays. Meeting site is inside old Sister's Act Restaurant, 36726 Goddard Road in downtown Romulus. For more information call Bill at 734-229-9436 (club phone) or 734-699-6552 (emergency).

**HARMONY AT CHRISTMAS** a holiday program offered by the Heritage Chorus of the Sweet Adelines International is slated at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Southgate Civic Center Annex, 14700 Reaume Parkway in Southgate. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and children under 12. For ticket information call 734-281-4798.

**FREE PRE-SCHOOL** for Westwood and Dearborn Heights No. 7 Head Start are now being enrolled. Call 313-561-7120 or 565-1314 for more information.

**WEST SIDE SINGLES** dances at 8 p.m. every Friday at Burton Manor, on Schoolcraft Road west of Inkster Road in Livonia. Cost is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after that time. Hotline number is 734-981-0909.

**ADVENT RETREAT** is slated from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Founders' Room and the University Chapel in the Residence Hall on the Livonia campus of Madonna University. The theme is slated to be "Christmas: A Time for Giving." Cost of the retreat is \$12.



Detroit Tiger slugger and first baseman Tony Clark is one of the current and past Tigers stars posing with various pets up for adoption in the Metro Detroit area.

## Tiger calendar aids shelter

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

A full color Year 2000 pet calendar featuring various current and past Detroit Detroit baseball stars is now on sale to benefit the Dearborn Animal Shelter.

Tiger slugger Tony Clark is featured on the cover and for the month of April with a small group of playful kittens.

Some of the current players

featured on other months include Dean Palmer, Todd Jones, Daimon Easley and Brad Ausmus.

Some immediate former Tigers include Justin Thompson, Gabe Kapler and Alan Trammell.

Also featured are broadcasters Al Kaline and Ernie Harwell and team executives Randy Smith and John McHale.

The calendar costs \$12 and

\$2 postage (if mailed). It can be purchased at the Dearborn Animal Shelter, 2661 Greenfield in Dearborn, Borders Book Store, Waldenbooks, Barnes and Noble and the Burns Animal Hospital in Dearborn.

The calendar is sponsored by the Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter.

For more information call the Dearborn Animal Shelter at 313-943-2697.

Santa and Westley Holiday Bear to the West Court and hand out candy canes. Santa then will be available for pictures from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

**DOUGHNATIONS FOR DOUGHNUTS** Customers at Krispy Kreme doughnut shop at 4345 Telegraph in Dearborn Heights are now being urged to donate non-perishable food items through Nov. 19. Food items will be then given to Forgotten Harvest a group that services 15 soup kitchens throughout the tri-county area. In return, Krispy Kreme will offer customers glazed doughnuts as a thank you gift.

**LIONS/UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help out during half time at the Detroit Lions/Chicago Bears Thanksgiving Day game at Pontiac Stadium on Nov. 25. Volun-

teers also need to attend a rehearsal time on Nov. 20. To receive more information or to register, call the United Way at 313-226-9422.

**FREE CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK** will be offered on the grounds of Annapolis Hospital in Wayne from 3 to 6 p.m. Nov. 22. The check period was called after it was learned that 95 percent of child safety seats are being used incorrectly. For more information call 313-791-1490.

**SILVERDOME BOAT, FISHING SHOW** is slated Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Those in attendance can shop and compare various fish gear and over 300 boats from over 75 manufacturers. Tickets will cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for children six to 14. Children five and under will be allowed to enter free.

**HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE** is currently being coordinated by the Doric Lodge No. 22, Free and Accepted Masons of Detroit. Collection drive will continue through Dec. 16 for children's hats and gloves -- both new and used -- and may be dropped off at Owens Car Wash, 3645 Inkster Road (north of Carlisle) in Inkster. Or donors may call James Penn Jr.

## Business forum slated by Metro Airport group

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

A half-day business education outreach forum is slated for 8 a.m. Nov. 18 by the Wayne County Department of Airports.

The focus of the forum is to give owners of construction firms -- including those with minority ownership -- and who are and want to be certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise an opportunity to learn more about doing business at Detroit Metro Airport.

The event is free of charge and open to construction business owners.

The forum is entitled "Building a Runway of Oppor-

tunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises."

Attendees will be given information on specific projects for the airport's capital improvement and residential sound insulation programs including the Midfield Terminal.

In addition there will be information about financing, bonding and joint venture relationships.

The forum is slated to be held at the Hotel Ponchartrain, 2 Washington Blvd. in Detroit and expected to continue until about noon that day.

For more information call Cassandra Thomas, of the Program Managers Team LLC, at 734-941-5200.

of Penn Funeral Home at 278-6319 or 630-1400 or James Owen St. at 730-0999 or 818-2142.

**SAMPLER COOKBOOK** is being offered by St. Aloysius Church and School of Romulus as a fundraiser. It contains a collection of recipes donated by parishioners, students and their families. Cost is \$8.75 (\$6.75 for the book and \$2 for postage and packing). The church is located at 11280 Ozga

Road, Romulus, 48174. For more information call 734-941-5056.

**REP. RIVERS COFFEE HOURS** are slated at the Waltz Inn, 28104 Mineral Springs in New Boston from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Nov. 18 and at Sam's Meal Family Dining, 27125 Cherry Hill in Inkster from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Nov. 22. The meetings however could be cancelled if congressional budget negotiations continue in Washington.



## Romeo and Juliet

Kavita Matani (left) and Dean Cechvala star in the upcoming Wayne State University play at the Bonstelle Theatre, which opens Dec. 3 and continues weekends through Dec. 12. The theatre is located at 3424 Woodward Ave., south of Mack. For more information or tickets for Romeo and Juliet call 313-577-2960.



## Band-a-rama event

Veteran members of the Romulus High School Concert Band's French Horn Section Jennifer Camilleri, Alex Odgers and Chris Berry are shown just prior to the Band-A-Rama event last Wednesday. MCN Special Photo

## CALENDAR FORM

The Michigan Community Newspapers want to assist you in publicizing your upcoming event. Carefully fill in the following information form and mail it to the Community Calendar, c/o the Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184. You may also fax the item to 313-729-6088. Deadline is the Friday before publication. Call 729-4000, ext. 43 for further information.

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## Residents on stage, and at workshops

By MAUDE REID  
MCN Special Writer

Former and present residents are making the news on stage and at workshops.

Among the more notables are:

Aaron Young, the grandson of Sarah and Anderson Young, played a prominent, religious role in the play *When God Comes Down from Heaven*.

The play was performed at the historic Redford Theater, located in northwest Detroit.

Aaron attends a religious school.

*Kimbrough's picked the topic of Getting In Occupational Health Services as her topic.*

Also on stage is Javon Arnold, the son of Bob and Marcia Arnold.

Javon was selected to perform in the *Halem Nutcracker*, which will be performed at the Detroit Opera House later this month, from November 26 through Dec. 5.

Carolyn Kimbrough served as chairperson and presenter at the Occupational Health Workshop's Conference conducted last month in Chicago, Ill.

Kimbrough's picked the topic of *Getting Started In Occupational Health Services* as her topic.



## A special celebration

Vowing to work together to help the school district that gave them the tools to carve out careers, members of the graduating class of Inkster High School of 1949 got together recently for their 50th class reunion. Members of the Class of 1949 reminisced, re-established bonds of friendships and also discussed the present state of affairs in the school district and how they, as individuals and a class, could uplift the school district.

## It's not too late to sign up kids for free lunch program

It's not too late to sign up children and the handicapped for local free food programs.

Children and adults in need will be able to receive meals at no or little costs thanks a program funded by Michigan Department of Education's Office of School Support Services.

Locally, Inkster-based Starfish Family Services, Inc. will administer the program which provides children and adults free or at reduced costs meals.

Officials note the program is designed to provide meals to children in child care centers, outside school hours programs, and family day care homes.

Meals are available at no separate charge to all children 12 years of age or under, migrant children 15 years of age or under, and older disabled children who are enrolled in Inkster Head Start.

In the operation of the Child and Adult Care Food Program no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

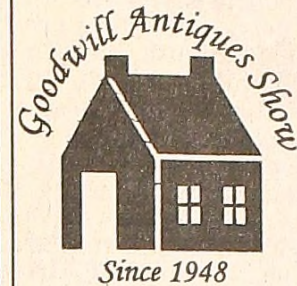
Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D. C., 20250.

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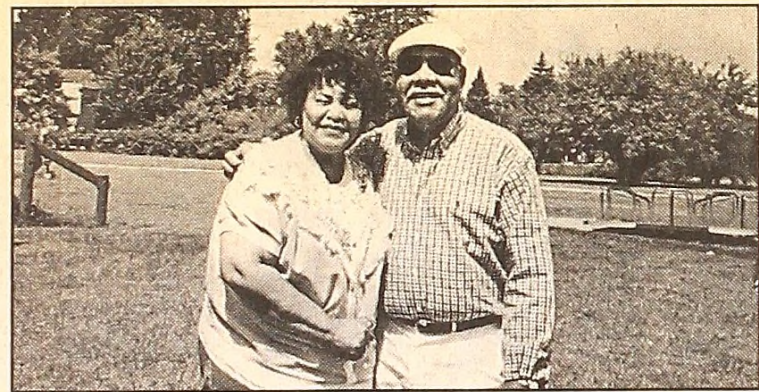
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## Price was right

Inkster's Joyce and Harold Ball (above) are completing their plans for a trip to historical Vienna, Austria, one of six prizes won by Joyce during her appearance on the popular TV show, "The Price is Right". Joyce, a member of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Michigan Metro Chapter, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inkster Chapter, attended the TLOD Conference in Los Angeles, California recently and she bought tickets to the show and was selected to participate. In addition to the Austrian trip, Joyce also won four Mountain Bikes and a keyboard. The show aired locally on Sept. 30. Photo by Theola Jones

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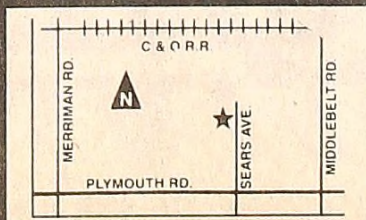
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## Students Letters

### Lincoln students pledge to be drug free

To the Editor:

All the students here at Lincoln Consolidated Schools are pledging to stay drug-free. Every year Lincoln Middle School students and principals Lynn Cleary and Jim Lindman hold the Red Ribbon Celebration. Red Ribbon Week is a week-long celebration where the students go down to a music assembly in the gym, which promotes a drug-free community. Then each student that wishes to stay drug-free signs a pledge. Furthermore, the fifth graders at Brick Elementary have a program called D.A.R.E. In D.A.R.E. the students learn about the harmful reactions drugs can have on you. D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. We, the students at Lincoln Consolidated Schools, are hoping that the whole community will pledge to be, and always stay, drug-free.

Sincerely,  
The P2 Team

### Our school districts goes all out against drugs

To the Editor:

We, the students at Lincoln Consolidated School, have been trying to make our community Drug-Free.

Last year we had eighty-two percent of the students sign a drug-free pledge. This year we hope to have one hundred percent.

In the middle school we have Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is when we sign pledges to be drug-free. We also have an assembly. We just have a lot of fun, while we learn about the harmful effects of drugs.

Lincoln Schools also offers other programs. In the fifth grade we have D.A.R.E. (Drug, Abuse, Resistance, Education). In D.A.R.E. we learn about the different ways drugs can harm you. We also learn about peer pressure.

In conclusion, I would say that Lincoln Consolidated Schools is doing a great job at trying to be drug-free.

Sincerely,  
Lincoln Middle School  
The P2 Team

### Students to celebrate Red Ribbon Week without drugs

To the Editor:

We, here at Lincoln Consolidated Schools, are currently celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Included in this week are many activities, including the out-reach program. Included in this program are the "adopt a business or class program." In that program every middle school class adopts a business or elementary class to reach out to. While doing this we try to promote being a substance abuse-free community.

The P2 team has decided that they want to adopt not only a single business, but rather the entire community, which is the meaning of this letter. In the P2 team we hope to reach out to as many lives in the community as we possibly can. Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,  
The P2 team  
On the right track to a drug-free community

## Three Pioneer students honored

By IVAN HELFMAN  
MCN Staff Writer

The state's best junior high choice recently welcomed three Plymouth-Canton Pioneer Middle School eighth-grade students: Sara Bradbury, Annemarie Miller, and Ayaka Nakamura.

On Oct. 16, the three students, members of Pioneer Middle School's eighth grade chorus, traveled to Grosse Pointe North High School.

They auditioned for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Junior High State Honors Choir.

One hundred fifty-nine singers from around the state

auditioned for a position in this elite group of junior high school singers; 72 singers were selected from this group, with the balance of this 144

voice choir to be selected from the North audition site at Central Michigan University.

All three of Pioneer's singers were selected as part of this choir.

The audition piece was "Now Is The Month of Maying," by Thomas Morley.

Students had to sing this piece as a three-part trio for an MSVMA judge. They were rated on various musical criteria, such as their ability to hold their own part, intonation (performing in tune), phrasing,

dynamics, and tone quality.

The audition was for membership in the SSA (First Soprano, Second Soprano, Alto) Honors Choir.

MSVMA also sponsors two other choirs in this program, the SA Honors, Choir (Soprano/Alto), and the SATB Honors Choir (Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass).

Bradbury, Miller, and Nakamura attended a rehearsal in Midland, Michigan on Nov. 6. They will attend another rehearsal in Holland, Michigan Saturday, and a third rehearsal on Jan. 15 in Saline and Ann Arbor.

## Nominees sought for business awards

The Westland Downtown Development Authority has created a Business/Service award to recognize the efforts of district businesses.

Many businesses in the Westland Downtown Development Authority district contribute many man hours, money or equipment to help community charities. Many businesses work diligently to provide the best products and excellent customer service which is the hallmark of small businesses in the United States. The Westland Downtown Development Authority would like to recognize their efforts by presenting an award

to a different business' owner at each monthly meeting.

Criteria for Business or Service Recognition Award:

A. Business or Service must be found in the Westland Downtown Development Authority district.

B. A Business or Service would be recognized if they have completed renovation of their business location.

C. A Business or Service would be recognized if they had exceptional customer service indicated by their customers

D. A Business or Service would be recognized for their contribution to the community.

## Opinion:

By THOMAS HOUSEMAN  
MCN Special Writer

Cash for "a private education industry" first...surfaces when greedy business-types have the temerity to assault the community asking for license to reap ever-greater profit and market advantage through commercializing kids' education for corporate cash advantage. There's a universe of difference between a student and a customer. Amway-with myopic ideology-cannot make that distinction.

"Cash for my kids" religious education...Yes? No. Declared

## 'Pro-voucherites' refuse to pay for choice

Teddy Roosevelt, "I hold that in this country there must be complete severance of church and state; that public money shall not be used for the purpose of advancing any particular creed; and therefore that the public schools shall be non-sectarian and no public money appropriated for sectarian schools."

Amway's unbounded over-emphasis on "parental choice" places our country's founding freedoms dead last...Our founding patriots had many generations as colonists to ex-

perience the virulent and egregious cancer of religious strife and bigotry growing on civic life. Wisely they said "enough!" Purposefully establishing a secular government separate from religion and insisting on government non-interfere with matters of faith, founders laid up a solid foundation for freedom and tolerance such as the blood-stained Old Country could only envy. That cornerstone, bedrock of noble purpose has anchored this land with the world's best form of democracy.

Now Amway begging its

*Amway's unbounded over-emphasis on "parental choice" places our country's founding freedoms dead last.*

"show us the cash" voucher, comes asking the citizenry to "establish" government entitlements-taxpayer cash-to give private religious education to their "own" mindless of the educational needs of all

others.

"A few kids" first...underscores the very nature of a religious school or a Country Day prep academy-selectivity and exclusivity. Parents of applicants to the DeVos's Dutch Reformed tradition's schools must first submit to articulated interrogatives concerns the purity of their religious convictions-a rubric of admission.

Paying privately for private education is a costly "choice" pro- voucherites refuse to make.

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## FAMILY ROOM

## Mom tackles busy Saturday, migraine and all

By KAREN MEIRER  
MCN Special Writer

It was one of those days where I couldn't see how I was going to make it even if everything would go absolutely perfectly perfect.

I stood up from my bed early that morning to be greeted by a most bright and glorious sun rising over the horizon and shining straight into my eye. The eye which with its partner, suffered a terrible, suffering, miserable misery. I had something like a migraine/sinus headache/exploding head/the-sleeping-hamster-is-making-too-much-noise sort of sickness.

I still don't know what it was, but Tylenol and all that sort of medicine didn't do a teeny bit of good. Not a teeny. And husband Ron was and had been and would be out of town on business for a few days. So I was facing an impossible, can't be done day as the lone adult in the house of six children. An October Saturday.

This is not a graceful nor pretty tale - it's sort of like toad skin, this story, all warty and bumpy and nasty looking, yet like toad skin, it's there; I was there. And there's something to be said for that. Something.

Anyway, as I said, this sleeping-hamster-is-making-too-much-noise sickness was one ingredient to this day as it had been that night and the previous day. But onward and outward I had to go. Tony, my marching band sophomore, had a marching band competition, the first one of the season, in some town north or west or northwest or something from here. And although they weren't playing until 5:00 that afternoon, he had to report to school at 7:00 AM for a 4 1/2 hour rehearsal,

then lunch, and then bus boarding at noon to travel to the strange town (strange to me because I still am figuring out Illinois and its towns and places).

So at that early hour I drove him to school (facing miserably eastward right into the killer-bright sunshine). I wished him luck and told him I would be there to see the performance. I then drove home and got around to morning tasks: getting babies ready for the day, helping the other three find socks and cereal and shin guards, sweeping and cleaning up from breakfast, getting the morning laundry started, and answering the phone just before heading out the door to take Jack to his soccer game.

It was Tony. He needed warm clothes with him because the shorts and T-shirt he was wearing (it was very warm that October day) wouldn't be good when the sun went down and if his band didn't make finals, they still had to watch and they couldn't wear their uniforms, they had to have regular clothes.

After sunset in October, shorts and T-shirt would be quite miserable. So I said I'd bring the clothes to him before the bus took off at noon. "Okay?" "Okay."

So off I went with Jack to his soccer game. Now even though five year olds learning the ins and outs of soccer and chasing the ball in one large pack is pretty darn cute I must say, this time "cute" didn't quite bubble up to the top as an adjective. The sideline where parents were allowed to stand faced directly, you guessed it, east. And this was 9:00 AM and that old sun was just blazing away. Right into my nearly-spontaneously-exploding head.

I looked dreadful, felt dreadful,

but I was there, just like toad skin, all warty and everything, doing the thing it must.

Jack's team did well, Jack did too. He had fun, he was a good sport, and the after game treat was yummy, according to Jack. So away we went back home, for me to make a quick exchange of kids.

I exchanged soccer Jack for doctor appointment Steven. In-charge daughter Carmen was doing a wonderful job looking after everyone and everything at home. Now this appointment for Steven, on a Saturday, was a scheduled thing. The pediatrician had wanted to "evaluate" Steven for possible seizures which turned out to be completely unnecessary; the problem was a misfiled prescription. Can you believe that?

And I didn't find out the real reason till just last week. I think that might be a story for another time. So anyway, the Saturday visit to the pediatrician -- we got there a few minutes early. No one was in the waiting room. This was going to work. I'd have Steven seen, and then drive directly to school to bring Tony's clothes, just in the nick of time.

Well, time passed. And more time passed. I didn't have a watch, so I asked the receptionist. It was looking bad. I was looking bad. My head was something I wanted to sever. The receptionist went back to ask when they'd be ready for Stevie. She was gone for 15 minutes. The half-hour appointment was in jeopardy, actually it was very past Jeopardy, like it was Wheel of Misfortune by this time.

She came back and said it would be another ten minutes or so. Even if I left right that minute without ever having seen the doctor it was going to be tricky getting

to school on time. If everything had gone on schedule, the appointment, the whole thing, would have been over several minutes ago. I told the receptionist I'd have to reschedule. She was not pleased at me. I was not pleased at me. My head was going to explode.

I zoomed to school. Got there just in time. Zoomed back home. Fixed lunch. Fed those who needed help. Piled everyone into the van to get Carmen to her gymnastics practice. Came home. Tended to the busy four children. In a toad skin sort of way.

After a bit, I piled everyone back in the van and picked Carmen up early from the gym. She offered to stay with the little boys while I went to the band competition. An angel of mercy. The patron saint of exploding head Mommies.

According to the information the band director gave everyone, the competition was a half-hour bus ride away. I left my driveway at 4:25. Competition to begin 5:00 on the nose. To end, on the nose, 5:15. Fifteen minutes of fame, as they say I'd get there.

Indeed, I got there. At 5:17. The last band member was marching off the field. Heavy Saturday traffic and three construction zones, who knew. And to add injury to injury, it was mostly westward travel. The setting sun, you know. Shining. Smack in my eyes. I was there though. The band filed out of the stadium. I spotted Tony. He saw me. He mouthed the words from afar.

"How'd we look?"

I scrambled for an answer. What could I say? They looked very sharp marching off the field. I gave him the two thumbs up sign. He grinned, nodded his



Karen Meirer

head, and then was swallowed up in the crowd. His band had been the last to perform in the preliminary competition, so awards were about to be announced.

Guess what? In their division, they won first! They'd made it into finals! (He didn't need those warm clothes after all; their uniforms would stay on.) Hooray for the band! Hooray for me - I made it! Sort of. Well, never mind that.

Somehow, Tony found me in that crush of a crowd. And he hugged me, his mother, because he was so happy about the win! My fifteen-year-old son who left hugs behind years ago, hugged me that day. And looked me in the eye and with enormously eager anticipation and unbridled pride asked, "How'd we sound Mom?"

Lightning, strike me down right now. Head, if you're going to explode, do it now because I can't bear to see the sadness and utter disappointment in my eldest's eyes. I reached out and held his arms and looked him in the eye and said I'd just gotten there. I

said I was sorry.

And this young man replied, "Well, I'm glad you're here - this is the best!" I have saints for children, I swear. And they have a toad for a mother.

I had to get back home because although Carmen is very capable, being in charge of dinner for herself and four young brothers, that's too much. So away I went. Home. Where the pantry was Saturday empty. Dust soup wasn't even a possibility - had the dust, no broth. So I did what we rarely, rarely do: eat a not-home-cooked meal.

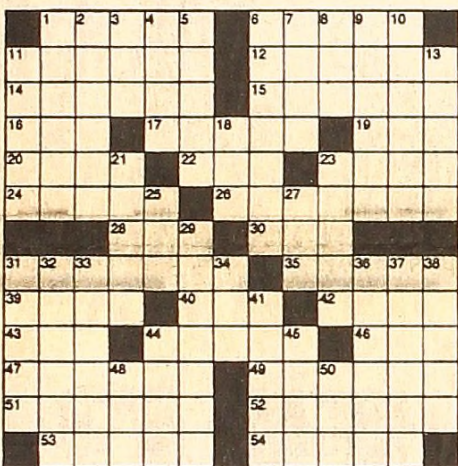
I ordered pizza. It had been so long. And it turned out to be even longer. An hour and a half before it arrived. The babies were crying. The middle ones were snarly. Carmen and her friend, Erin, our overnight guest, were thin. My head was detaching itself. And the pizza guy waited for a tip.

The evening was busy and manageably chaotic and one by one, the children fell asleep. At 11:30 the phone rang. It was Tony; they were back at school. I pulled on my coat and drove the dark road to school. Picked Tony up, heard about the successful finals performance, drove up in our driveway, sighed.

The clock read 11:45 p.m. I'd made it, not gracefully, not pretty. But here it was the end of the day. And then Tony said, "Oh no. I left the little lunch cooler laying around. Someone might take it."

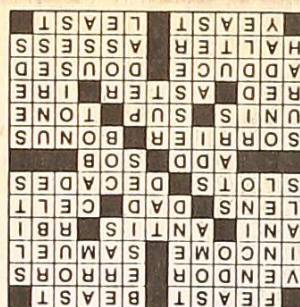
I turned the key in the ignition, and away we went. Back to school. I didn't grumble or fuss. After what I did? C'mon. And so my son and I (toad lady, so-called Mommy person) finally, for the last time that day, drove up the driveway. We were home. It was 11:59 p.m.

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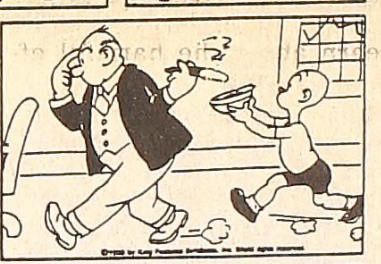
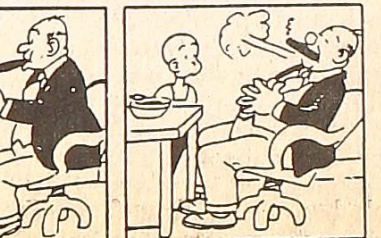
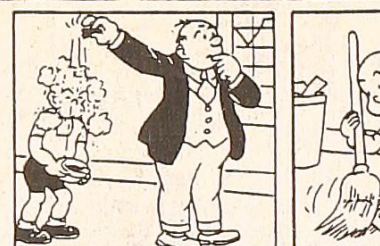
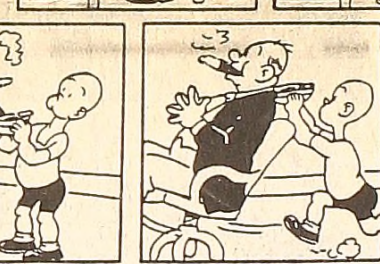
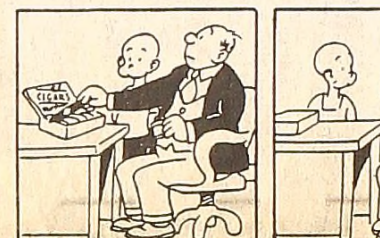
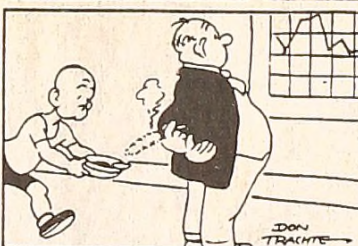
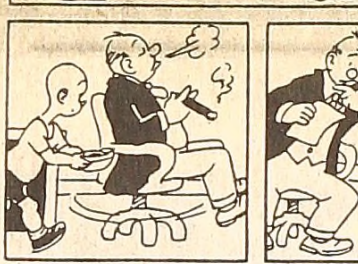
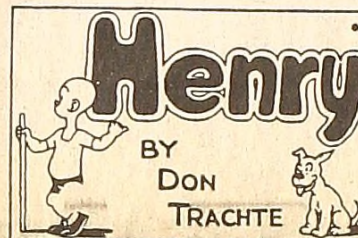


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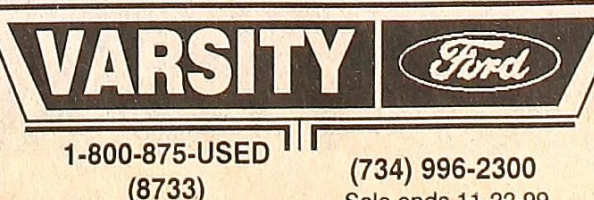


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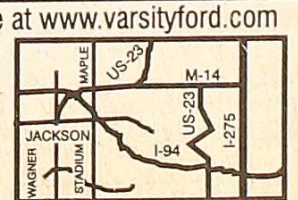
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## Westwood Community School District NOTICE BOARD VACANCY

This will serve to inform you that there is a vacancy on the Westwood Board of Education due to the resignation of Mr. Eduardo A. Garcia. We are requesting you please publicize the vacancy and the procedure that will be used in filling said vacancy.

Procedure per Board Policy 9113, "Filling Unexpired Term;"

...When a vacancy occurs, the following procedures shall be used in filling the vacancy:

1. The president of the board shall, through public announcement, through the news media and school publications, make known that the vacancy has occurred and that those persons interested in being considered for appointment to fill the vacancy should notify in writing the secretary of the board. Such notification should be accompanied by a brief biographical sketch and a statement setting forth the reasons why the person desires consideration and his/her interest in and ideas about public education.

The requirements for school board membership are:

- Citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age
- Resident of the State of Michigan for 30 days
- Resident of the Westwood Community School District for at least 30 days prior to appointment.
- Qualified Elector of the District.

2. The board shall review and screen applications to determine which candidates should be further considered.

3. Those candidates screened for further consideration shall be interviewed in public session by the board.

4. The board shall, by roll call vote, determine which candidate shall be appointment to fill the vacancy...

Interested persons should apply no later than Wednesday, November 24, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. Upon receipt of letters from interested individuals, the board shall review and screen applications to determine which candidates shall be further considered.

Those candidates screened for further consideration will be notified and shall be interviewed in public session by the board at a special meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. An appointment will be made by the board following candidate interviews on Thursday, December 2, 1999. TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2000 per state law. The appointed board member would then have to run for election.

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- \$800,00 annually for a juvenile home yet to be built;
- Frequent water rate increases from the City of Detroit;
- Unfunded federal mandates - with unknown up-front cost.

[however I cannot remain silent] of the plans Mr. Anderson has in visiting County Executive McNamara and demanding a full refund of jail and youth home costs, then renegotiating water rates with Detroit Mayor Archer, and a private audience with US District Court Judge: (The honorable John Feikens), accepting no less than total rescinding of the application from Westland regarding: Voluntary Storm Water Permit.

Mr. Anderson will announce the success of his mission ~~October 19th~~ without doubt this will result in a standing ovation, the end to runaway spending and a tax cut!

Sincerely,  
Walter Ingram, Ph.D.

## Open letter to Mr. Glieberman

To the Editor:

As Directors of the Belleville Area Historical Society, we are very concerned about the possible destruction of the old Riggs House located near the corner of E. Huron River Drive and Martinsville Road. The Riggs House is an architectural gem constructed by Loren and Amanda Riggs in 1867. This house, the only building of its kind in our area, is an important link to our community's past. It must be preserved.

The Riggs House, restored to its original beauty, could become an important historical landmark. As a private home, a small business, or even as the gateway to your housing development, the Riggs House would be a local treasure.

It has come to our attention that your potential buyers have tried to contact you concerning the purchase of the house. However, their calls have not been returned. Yet you have publicly stated that there is no interest in buying this home.

As an organization dedicated to the preservation of our local history, we strongly urge you to cooperate in any way possible to preserve this local historic home. Its loss would be irreplaceable.

Sincerely,  
Belleville Area Historical Society

## Caring Van Buren parents should vote Bowles, loser

To the Editor:

We have been listening to the negative rhetoric of Mrs. Losen and Mr. Bowles continually running down Van Buren Public Schools, from within, long enough. As school board members, in a public service position, their points of view are greatly distorted by their having entered these positions with bias and prejudice toward our school system and professionals that have provided dedicated service for years. They represent the portion of our community that desire to protect their pocketbooks, at all costs, and have very little real interest in the education of Van Buren children.

We don't know how the employees of Van Buren Public School can continue to have their efforts, abilities and intentions assaulted by these two board members and still maintain their perspective to care for our children. Imagine if your employer continually depicted you publicly as a liability rather than an asset.

Van Buren teachers, even though they are at the bottom of Wayne County pay-scales, continue to remain dedicated to teaching our children. We believe that even though state funding results in our having some of the largest class sizes in the tri-county area, depicted in the recent report by a Detroit News article, our teachers work with as many, under whatever conditions and with whatever resources they are provided to the best of they can.

Our children represent a

cross-section of society that is unique and does not necessarily warrant comparison by the media or state to those of West Bloomfield and Birmingham. Our children represent a full range of abilities, capabilities and in social economic background. We believe they can receive more assistance if the teacher's time is shared with fewer students in the class. There is a difference between student teacher ratio in the district and average class size in the district.

We ask everyone that cares about our children's education in Van Buren to begin to become more involved. The first step is to vote our two negative board members out of office as soon as their term is up. The second step is to become and remain an active participant in your child's education, straight through high school.

Parents for children in Van Buren

## Thanks for making Halloween perfect in Belleville

To the Editor:

Just a note of thanks to everyone who participated in Halloween in downtown Belleville. The most cooperative was mother nature for a perfect night.

Thank you, Belleville area for your support and helping to serve 1300 people donuts and drinks. Thanks to McDonalds of Belleville Road for donating the jug to use. Thanks to Andrews Drugs and Gifts; Belleville Area Independent; First Federal of Michigan and Parts Plus of Van Buren for sponsoring First

Place Prize bags for the costume contest, Andrews Drugs and Gifts and McDonalds of Belleville Road for second place canisters of candy and Ben's Pumpkin Patch for third place pumpkin prizes. Thanks to the Pumpkin Factory for the large pumpkin and 20 hayrides donated for the free raffle for the children. Also First Federal of Michigan for binoculars for the raffle.

Thanks again to the Rotary Clubs who came down and gave away popcorn at this event every year! They got to go home a bit early after giving all the popcorn out to 1,000 people!

And thank you to Donut Town for your special price on the donut holes and the last minute supply.

Again, thank you to all the businesses who participated. If you would call me and let me know if you were open I will get your participation award from the Center Business Community to you.

Thanks again Belleville for a great time!

D. Estermyer

## Congress has embezzled our Trust Fund

To the Editor:

Most people correctly believe that Social Security has been our most successful social program, however, as the program has matured it faces many obstacles to its viability. The first major crisis it faced was in 1981 when concerns were raised about the Trust Fund running out of money by

1983. The Greenspan Commission was formed which made recommendations to resolve the short-term financing problems the program faced. A combination of legislation enacting the recommendations, low inflation and the economic boom has contributed to yearly Trust Fund surpluses until the proclaimed total is now in excess of \$650 billion.

Unfortunately within the Treasury, Social Security taxes are co-mingled with general tax revenues which allows Congress to spend Trust Fund surpluses to fund other expenses within the budget. For example, the 1998 \$70 billion surplus existed only because Congress included the 1998 \$99 billion surplus when the actual budget showed a deficit. To cover up the embezzlement of Trust Fund money by Congress, the Department of Treasury has been forced to issue non-negotiable IOU bonds to the Trust Fund.

Congress has exploited the co-mingling flaw in the Trust Fund to achieve a spending coup without having to increase income taxes, but at a severe cost to low-income workers. Workers have been hit hard when the regressive Social Security tax has also been used to fund other spending programs. This has been particularly devastating to the self-employed business people such as entrepreneurs, farmers and ranchers who must contribute at double the normal Social Security tax rate. Isn't embezzlement of Trust Fund money a felony?

Sincerely,  
Robert A. Dahlquist  
Orange, CA

## Whiners shouldn't deprive us of pharmacy

Is anyone as appalled as I am regarding this big controversy over the CVS/Arbor Drug issue?

What is the deal?

Why are we letting a few jealous people with money and clout run a potential business out of our residential area?

These few residents who are doing all the whining have no valid point in keeping the rest of us from having a pharmacy in our neighborhood.

Is this not selfish?

Are they happy and proud to live next to a dumpy looking corner?

I've done my homework!

I cannot understand how this project interferes with the Hamlin household or with the "old man" that lives across the street. I have stood on the Southwest corner and walked and measured the distance to which CVS/Arbor Drugs are asking. With all the growth of trees and bushes currently there, it's very difficult to even see the Hamlin household still many feet away.

Shouldn't we feel proud as residents that CVS wants to invest in our little corner of the City?

Did Rite-Aid or Walgreens take an interest in our side of the city? No.

Why are we persecuting CVS? What have they done? Other than offer the patrons and customers who have come to them for years, the chance to continue servicing them by re-establishing the Southwest corner of Newburgh and Glenwood with a new sophisticated and attractive "Drive-thru"

Pharmacy, complete with new expansive landscaping.

Why on earth would anyone vote yes for proposal C, to allow our CVS/Arbor Drug store to pull out of our neighborhood, leaving the ugly blight on that corner...not to mention how attractive it will look when the current store closes!

The very thought that these few people who are doing all the whining, may force the rest of us to have to either cross over to Michigan Avenue, or get across the Glenwood railroad tracks to the new Rite-Aid on the busy corners of Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road.

Currently, our only other option will be the Walgreens on Venoy Road and Michigan Avenue after both CVS/Arbor Drug Stores close.

Think about this issue clearly.

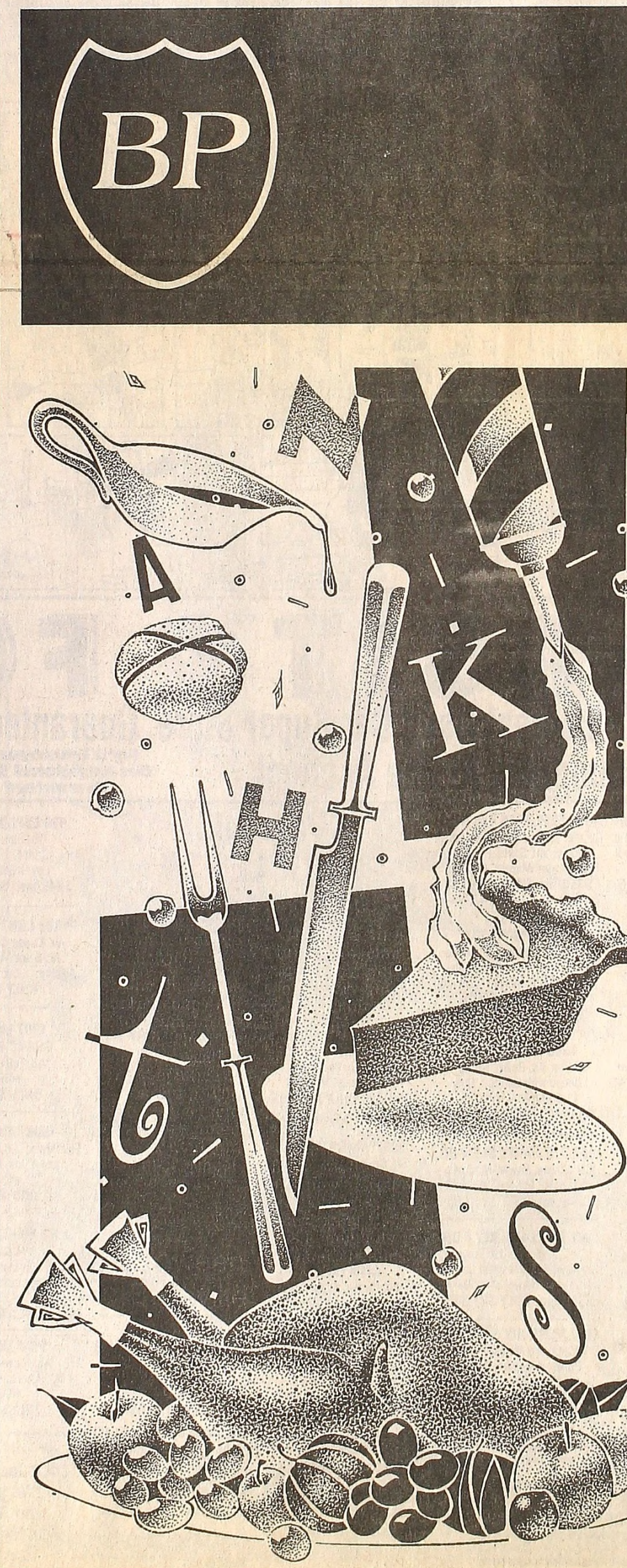
It won't be long before it will be getting dark at 5 p.m., with cold winter nights.

How far do you want to have to drive with or without your family for that unexpected last minutes need?

What about losing the personal touch of those we have come to know over the years who greet us by name and seem to anticipate our needs at our CVS/Arbor Drug Store.

Why do you think Rite-Aid and Walgreens tore down existing businesses to be on Michigan Avenue? To receive the maximum volume of customers traveling on that busy road. Honestly ask yourself, will you get the same personal touch sharing these pharmacies with the many who are not Wayne residents.

Proposal C.  
Wayne Resident  
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# Palmer neighbors resent deep ditches by homes

By IVAN HELFMAN  
MCN Staff Writer

To ditch or not to ditch: that was the question on Palmer Rd., near John Hix Rd.

Neighbors Emily Salberg and Walter Pearl did not like the answer from Westland's department of public services.

Based on a survey, DPS decided to leave ditches in front of the pair's homes when the city resurfaced Palmer.

"I have a five-foot-wide moat in front of my home, but I don't have friends in high places," Salberg complained to the city council.

Her bone of contention was that some of her neighbors had filled their ditches and that the city did not redig the filled ditches.

She said that the city should have replaced all of the ditches with storm drains when it resurfaced Palmer instead of leaving a larger ditch in front of her home.

"Will passing traffic that sees this think that Westland is the place to be?" she asked. "We have no street lights. Our traffic is heavy, fast, and downright dangerous."

Pearl seconded the request for storm drains, complained that the city made his ditch four times as wide as it had been, and demanded consistent ditching along the road instead of allowing some ditches to be filled.

He also said that he could no longer easily maintain his ditch.

"I can't get a tractor in," he said, but complained that people can throw trash in his ditch.

Mayor Bob Thomas explained that when the city resurfaces a road with ditches, it usually leaves the ditches because storm sewers cost as much as roads.

"When a house is originally built, owners pay for storm sewers with an assessment; it's not something the city does for free," he said, adding, "No ditch in town looks good."

DPS Director Richard Dittmar agreed, storm drains are not cheap.

He also pointed out that there was some consistency on Palmer. "There are ditches on the other side of the street, though not as deep as yours."

However, Dittmar explained that the city's engineers made the decision to only ditch where necessary.

His ditching questions answered, Pearl changed the subject to speeding on Palmer.

Deputy George Gillies agreed that there was a speeding problem on that section of Palmer, and said that the police department would set up a radar unit by Friday.

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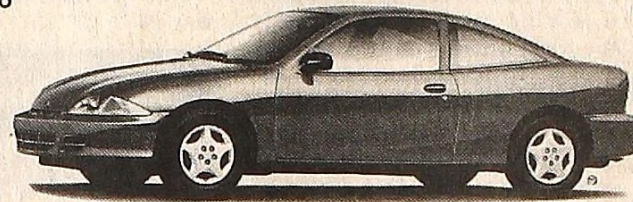


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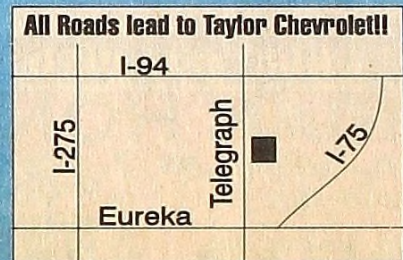
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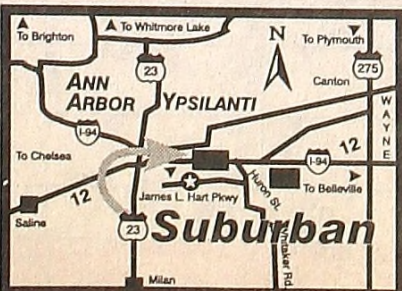
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